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DECEMBER 1912.

At a meeting of the Directors of Brechin Infirmary on 2nd, the question of utilising the Phthisis Ward of the Institution for patients sent by the National Health Insurance Committee was considered. The proposal did not seem to meet with much favour, but it was remitted to a small committee to get information on various points and report.

Brechin Town Council, having given strenuous consideration to the question of an extended Golf Course for the town, about the beginning of the month employed an expert to look at several localities likely to prove suitable for laying out a course of 18 holes. The Convener of the Committee in charge of the remit duly reported and the matter dropped.

Intense frost had prevailed for some time but gave way on 3rd. The temperature rose considerably but the remainder of the month, on the whole, was damp and cheerless.

The Martinmas Feeing Market was held on 3rd. The attendance was large and wages showed an increase of 20/- to 30/-. Foremen got £22 to £23 10/-; Second Men, £22 to £23; Third Men, £18 10/- to £20 10/- with perquisites.

A most interesting Exhibition of the work of Scottish Photographers was held under the auspices of the Scottish Photographic Federation in the Mechanics' Hall on 4th. Some very fine work by local members was shown.

Maisondieu Lodge of Ancient Shepherds held a very successful Dance in Corona Hall on 6th.

Under the auspices of the Brechin Literary Society, Mr. A. J. Young, M.A., Edinburgh, gave a very interesting lecture on the subject of "The Modern Novel" in the Mechanics' Hall on 6th.

From the Annual Report of the Brechin Infirmary, submitted to the meeting of Subscribers on 9th, it appeared that the capital funds of the Institution amounted to £11,975 13s 11d. The expenditure during the year was £917 16s 6d, and the income £664 6s 7d—a deficiency of £253 9s 11d.

The congregation of Maisondieu Church held a Sale of Work in Corona Hall on 14th in aid of their fund to provide a new Manse. £142 was realised.

Brechin Musical Society gave a delightful rendering of Handel's "Messiah" in the City Hall on 18th, to a large, critical, and very appreciative audience.

Christmas Services were held in many of the Churches in the City on Sunday 22nd.

There were great rejoicings at Denburn Works on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. John M. S. Duke of the firm of Messrs. D. & R. Duke, on the 26th, and the employees were entertained to a Soiree and Ball in the City Hall.

JANUARY 1913.

NEW Year 1913 was ushered in at the Cross in the usual "spirited" manner.

Brechin Grammar School and High School Former Pupils held their Annual Re-Union in the Mechanics' Hall on 3rd. The large company included F.P's. from all corners of the globe, and a pleasant time was spent.

The Brechin Ex-Ploughmen's Association held their annual ploughing match at Little Haughmuir on 4th, and as usual the "veterans" gave an excellent display.

Under the auspices of Lodge St. James', No. 123 of Freemasons, a Masonic Service was held in the Cathedral, on the evening of Sunday 5th, when an able and eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Coats, Chaplain of the Lodge, his theme being "The Wise Men from the East."

A Lecture on "Dickens" was delivered by Mr. A. Blyth Webster, of Edinburgh University, in the Mechanics' Hall on 10th, under the auspices of the Literary Society.

A most disastrous hurricane and snow storm commenced on Friday 10th, and continued over Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Much damage was done, the Telegraph and Telephone services being almost entirely suspended on account of the fall of poles and wires.

The Members and Friends of the British Womens' Temperance Association held their Annual "Happy Afternoon" in the Temperance Hall on 11th, when a happy afternoon, indeed, was spent under the presidency of Mrs. James Bruce.

At a Congregational Soiree on 13th, following the Anniversary Services of the East U. F. Church, Mr. James Guthrie, J.P., was presented with an Illuminated Address along with a Silver Salver and enlarged Photograph of himself—gifts from the Congregation in token of their appreciation of his valuable services as a member and as an office-bearer of over 50 years standing.

During the quarter ended, the Nurses of the Brechin Victoria Nursing Association had paid 1365 visits to 89 patients on the roll.

The employees of the Caledonian Railway Co. in the Brechin district held their annual Re-Union in the City Hall on 17th. There was a very large attendance and a most pleasant evening was wound up with a spirited dance.

During 1912 the number of crimes or offences recorded within the Burgh by the Police was 192. Proceedings were taken against 225 individuals in all.

The Members of the Brechin Burns Club celebrated "The Anniversary," with their usual enthusiasm, in the Mechanics' Hall on 27th. The toast of "The Immortal Memory" was proposed by the Rev. James Landreth, Logie Pert, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

A delightful Comedy entitled "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy" was performed by a company of Amateurs in the City Hall on 29th and 30th. The caste was a most capable one and large audiences rewarded their efforts. The drawings were divided between the Funds of the Victoria Nursing Association and the Day Nursery.

FEBRUARY.

A VERY successful Concert was given on Saturday 1st by the Junior Choir and Sunday School Pupils of the Cathedral. The programme was finely rendered and much appreciated.

To mark the semi jubilee of the opening of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, special services were held in the Church on Sunday 2nd. Bishop Robberds, Bishop of Brechin and Primus of Scotland, preached morning and evening.

The Directors of the Brechin Infirmary, at a meeting on 3rd, resolved to have the Phthisis Ward in the Institution licensed for the reception of patients under the National Health Insurance Act.

Major F. Eady, R.M.L.I., Recruiting Officer in Scotland for the Royal Navy, gave a most interesting lecture on the History of and Life in the Royal Navy, in the Parish Church Hall on 4th.

The Brechin Select Choir held their annual Supper and Dance in the Corona Hall on 5th, when there was a large attendance of members and friends.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Brechin Total Abstinence Society on 5th, a gift to the Society of £100 from Mr. James Guthrie, J.P., was intimated.

Brechin Boy Scouts gave an enjoyable entertainment in the City Hall on 7th, to a very large audience. The performance included a Gymnastic Display, a Camp-Fire Concert, and a play entitled "The Scouts."

The Town Council at their monthly meeting resolved to light the Ante-Rooms of the City Hall with electricity, the cost, per contract, to be £8 17s 6d. Gas was considered to be less clean and more dangerous.

Lengthy negotiations between the Town Council and the Brechin Gas Co., Ltd., for the purchase and sale of the Gas Works, were broken off by the Town Council at their meeting on 12th. The final offer by the Town was £32,000, and as the Company declined to accept less than £33,500, the bargaining ended.

Under the auspices of the Brechin Literary Society, Mr. M. M. Gilchrist, A.R.C.M., Organist of Brechin Cathedral, lectured in the Mechanics' Hall on 14th, on the subject of "Music of 1500 to 1700 compared with Modern Music." The lecture was most informative and interesting and was illustrated by vocal and instrumental examples.

St. James' Lodge, No. 123, of Freemasons, held their annual Dance in their Hall on 19th.

The Brechin Amateur Opera Co. gave a most successful performance of "The Yeomen of the Guard" in the City Hall on 26th. The high standard of previous operatic productions was more than maintained.

Brechin Factory Workers wages were raised 5 per cent. as from 27th February. This welcome advance followed one of about 2½ per cent. made the previous summer.

MARCH.

THE closing meeting of the Session of the P.S.A., was held on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd, when an interesting programme was provided.

Tuesday 4th, was the old Horse Causey Market Day—in name only, alas! as there was not a single horse on the ground.

The "Carlies'" Market fell on the 4th also; men were scarce, and wages, consequently, were up by a £1 or £2. Grieves got £42, Foremen £38 to £40; Horsemen £36 to £38, with the usual perquisites.

Dwelling Houses, 31, 33, and 35 Damacre Road, with a gross rental of £30 10s, were sold by roup for £325.

"The Making of Citizens" was the title of a lecture delivered by Mr. James Taggart, Rector of the High School, at the closing meeting of the Winter's Course of Lectures, arranged by the Educational Committee of the Brechin Equitable Co-operative Society.

Wintry weather prevailed during the early part of the month. There was extreme frost and a good deal of snow fell.

Brechin Select Choir gave an excellent programme to a large and appreciative audience in the City Hall on the evening of 12th.

Members of the Brechin Branch of the Independent Labour Party held an enjoyable "At Home" in the Temperance Hall on 14th. An excellent address was delivered by Mr. G. R. Shepherd, Organiser of the Party, Dundee.

Over £65 was realised at a Sale of Work under the auspices of the Ladies of East U. F. Church, in the Hall of the Church, on 15th. The object was to aid the Funds for Women's Foreign Missions and Congregational Purposes.

The proposal to lay out an 18 hole Golf Course came up again at a Town Council Meeting, and it was resolved to inquire as to the price of various sites, and then to get an expert to report on their suitability.

Brechin Orchestral Society gave its annual Concert in the City Hall on 18th. The items of the programme were all of a high-class nature and excellently rendered.

A 99 years' lease of the Paper Mill, at a rental of £350, and of the Inch Bleachfield at £150, were exposed by roup on 19th, but there were no offers.

The last entertainment for the season to the inmates of the Brechin Almshouse was given on 26th, when Mr. J. E Robertson's party contributed an excellent programme.

The Ladies of the East Parish Church realised £49 from a Sale of Work for congregational purposes, held in the Church Hall on 29th.

The first of a series of Organ Recitals to be provided during the season in the Cathedral, was given on 31st, by Mr. W. Mundell, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., Organist of Kilmalcolm Parish Church There was a large and appreciative audience.

APRIL.

On 1st, twenty shares, fully paid up, of the Brechin Laundry Coy., Ltd., were offered for sale by roup, at the Farmers' Mart, but there were no buyers. Ten £1 shares, fully paid up, of the Farmers' Mart, were offered for sale and went at 15/- each. Sixty £1 shares in the Brechin Auction Mart, fully paid up, were sold at 20/- each.

On the half-year's working of the Brechin and Edzell Railway, there was a credit balance of £465 18s 1d, which it was agreed to carry forward.

Fine weather set in during the first week in April and enabled the farmers to push on their work.

The Members of the Select Choir were entertained to a Social and Dance on 2nd, by the Conductor, Mr. W. J. Farquhar. A pleasant evening was passed, in the course of which Mr. Farquhar was presented with a purse of Sovereigns and a handsome Silver Mounted Baton suitably inscribed.

The Revenue of the Mechanics' Institution for the year was £172 2s. 8d., and the expenditure £173 6s. 8d.

Andrew Cook. aged 21 years, belonging to Dundee, while engaged with other two men cutting timber on the Dun Estate, was, on 2nd inst., found to have been suffocated by the sulphurous fumes from a pail of coke, which had been placed overnight in the Laundry of Dun House, in which he slept, for the purpose of keeping the place warm. The other two men had a narrow escape.

Annual letting of the grass parks for the season in the district, showed a distinct rise over rates of last year—something like 25 per cent. in some cases.

W. F. Frame, the man whom everybody knows, on his annual visit to Brechin on 9th, gave a much appreciated entertainment to the inmates of the City Almshouse.

Weather had been fine and summery for some time, but a change set in about the middle of the month and severe conditions prevailed. On 11th a very severe snow storm occurred.

The employees in the various departments of the Town Council were granted a rise of from 6d. to 1/- per week, at the meeting of Council on 14th.

A Jumble Sale held by the Brechin Cricket Club in the Temperance Hall on 18th and 19th, realised £36.

The City Brass Band commenced their open air Concerts for the season with a programme at the Cross on the evening of 19th, and a Sunday afternoon sacred programme in the Park on 20th.

Government grants for the year to the Board Schools were as follows:—Andover School, £620 18s. 11d.; Bank Street School, £428 15s. 6d.; Damacre Road School, £535 17s.

During the year the Victoria Nurses had 237 cases under their care and 5137 visits had been paid.

The Bowling season in Brechin commenced on 30th, when the Brechin Club played a match between President and Vice-President.

MAY.

THE Annual Spring Holiday fell on 5th, when the weather, although dull, was mild and enjoyable.

On Wednesday the 7th, the rain having been continuous for some days, the river Southesk began to rise, and continued so to do until Friday 9th, when it flooded River Street to such an extent that the inhabitants, for safety, had to leave their houses. The Inch, with the Papermill and Bleachfield buildings, were so badly flooded and damaged by the deposit of gravel and mud that is was days before operations could be resumed. The houses in River Street were under water, in some cases to the depth of 4 or 5 feet, and were rendered unfit for habitation for a long time. Large quantities of farm stock and produce were carried down the river and, altogether extensive damage was done, both in town and country, by this, the most disastrous flood within local memory. By Friday evening the water had subsided very considerably, but the Almshouse, Public Halls, and other places, had to be used as dormitories for those who had been forced to abandon their houses.

For the second time the leases of the Paper Mill and Inch Bleachfield, belonging to the common good of the Burgh, were exposed for let by roup on 14th, at the reduced upset of £350 and £150 respectively, but there were no offers.

Re the proposed 18 hole Golf Course, an expert came, saw, and reported favourably on a proposed site, after which the Town Council, at their monthly meeting, resolved to enlist the co-operation of several influential sporting, and other bodies in town and "wait and see" what could be done.

£39 14s 2½d, besides goods in kind, in the shape of farm produce, chaff for bedding, &c., was collected for the relief of the sufferers through the flooding in River Street.

Wednesday 21st was observed in Brechin as Victoria Day. Although the Public Works kept running, all the Offices, Shops, &c., were closed. The weather was not absolutely ideal for holiday making.

Under the auspices of the Hope of Angus Lodge I.O.G.T. an "At Home" was held in the Temperance Hall on 21st, when stirring Temperance Addresses were given, and a pleasant evening was passed.

By about the end of the month it was seen that Grouse prospects were none of the brightest. Disease and the quality of food obtainable was having a serious effect on the birds

Brechin C.C. played their first match with Victoria, Dundee, on 24th; Brechin won, 83 to 64.

A pretty display of Artificial Flowers, made and in the process of being made, was given in the City Hall on Friday and Saturday, 23rd and 24th, and on 26th and 27th, by the girls of Mr. John Groome's Crippleage and Flower Mission, London. A number of blind and cripple girls gave exhibitions in the art of artificial flower making.

The flitting term was on 28th, when there were apparently rather more removals than usual.

JUNE.

THE Whitsunday Feeing Market was held on 3rd. The weather was good, but the market being the last in the district, the attendance of masters and men was smaller than usual. What feeing was done was at a rise of £2 to £3. First horsemen got £24 to £25 10s; second, £22 to £24; third, £20 to £21 10s; halflins, £16 to £17.

Strong west and north west winds prevailed in the beginning of the month and did great damage to fruit trees and bushes in many gardens.

A petition asking that permission be granted to the keepers of licensed refreshment rooms to open on Sundays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. was presented to the Town Council at the monthly meeting and the request was refused.

The "Taranty" Market was held on 12th—shorn of its former glories. There were no fat cattle on the muir and only a very moderate show of store cattle and horses. Trade was stiff.

In delightful weather, the City Brass Band gave a fine recital of sacred music in the Public Park, in presence of a large turnout of citizens, on the afternoon of Sunday 15th.

A notable function this month was a charming and successful Fancy Fair within the grounds of Brechin Castle, under the auspices of the Children's League of Pity, in which the Earl and Countess of Dalhousie take a great interest. The weather, on the whole, was fine, and the attendance was large the drawings amounting to £140.

At the monthly meeting of the Parish Council it was reported, that, as compared with last year, the maintenance cost of the Outdoor Poor showed a decrease of £71, while the cost of the Almshouse Poor had fallen from £555 4s 5d to £510 2s 7d.

The "Scaffie's Jaunt" came off with great success on Wednesday 18th June. The weather was grand, and everyone was in great glee. The route was by Laurencekirk to Bervie where a pleasant day was spent.

There were great rejoicings among the tenants on the Careston Estate, and in fact throughout the whole parish, on Thursday 19th, the occasion being the home-coming of the young Laird, Mr. W. Campbell Adamson, and his bride.

A pretty Sale of Work organised by the Church of Scotland Women's Auxiliary, in aid of Missions, was held at Careston Manse, on 21st, and £33 was realised.

On 25th, under the direction of the Brechin and District Mercantile Association, a big one-day excursion took place to Crieff, to which a special train was chartered. An enjoyable outing was had.

On 25th the Paper Mill and Inch Bleachfield, for the third time, were exposed for let by public roup, at the reduced upset rental of £450 per annum, for both subjects, but there were still no offers.

A big excursion by special train to Inverness, under the auspices of Caldhame Works and the Paper Mill, took place on 28th. The long journey to and from was made without mishap and the outing was much enjoyed.

JULY.

"WILLIE Mills Burn," or Hoodston, Menmuir, consisting of 8 acres of land, with steading &c., was exposed for sale by roup on 1st, at the upset price of £500, but there were no offers.

The Dairymen of Brechin district held their annual trip on 3rd, when, in glorious weather, they motored to Coupar Angus, thence to Dundee and Carnoustie. A very enjoyable day was spent.

For the quarter, the Victoria Nurses had 81 cases to whom they paid 1281 visits.

Harvest prospects about the middle of the month were moderately good ; hay splendid—the heaviest and finest quality for years.

The Strawberry crop this year turned out to be the best for five years past.

Under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League, Miss Shennon, Glasgow, and Miss Broughton of Liverpool, gave "Votes for Women" Addresses at the Market Cross on 8th. There was a large, attentive, orderly crowd and no "incidents."

The Brechin branch of the I.L.P. held a very enjoyable Garden Party in the Public Park on 12th. An Address was delivered by Mr. James Maxton, M.A., Glasgow, and an open-air dance followed.

Brechin Gas Company, Ltd., had a very successful year. The Profit and Loss Account after allowing for depreciation &c., showed a credit balance of £1794 5s 3d.

The Town Council raised the Sewage Farm Manager's wages by 1/6 per week.

After three times exposing by roup the let of the Town's subjects at the Inch, and receiving no offers, the Town Council resolved that offers be invited.

The cost of repairing the damage caused by the recent flood, to the coping and railing of the wall in River Street, was estimated at from £25 to £30. About £10 was computed to cover the cost of repairing the ground at the Inch.

There was a large attendance of Flock Masters and Wool Merchants at Brechin Annual Wool Fair on 15th. Supplies were large and of good quality. Blackfaced sold at 8½d per lb., which was ¼d less than at Inverness the week before.

Brechin City Band gave sundry open air concerts in various parts of the Town during the Glasgow Fair Holiday Week, for the benefit of Brechin bairns from Glasgow.

H.M. Inspector of Schools reported, *re* the lower department of the High School, that everything was in a very satisfactory state.

Mr. W. McDonald, who, for 35 years had been Head Gardener at Brechin Castle, left for New Zealand on 17th, and, prior to his departure was entertained and made the recipient of a very substantial keep-sake subscribed for by the servants on the Brechin Castle, Glenesk and Edzell Estates,

Sundry Hay Sales took place on Farms in the district at the close of the month. The quality of the Hay was excellent and fetched from 6½d to 9½d per stone of 22 lbs.

AUGUST.

THE Public Works closed down on 25th July for the midsummer holidays; work was resumed on 4th August. The weather, on the whole, was delightful for holiday making.

Bee-keepers had a splendid clover honey season The honey was of superior quality, flavour and colour, and the yield was fair.

Partridge shooting prospects in the district were exceptionally bright.

At the monthly meeting of Infirmary Directors it was agreed to make extensions to the building, including a new operating theatre, at a cost of between £500 and £600, which, with internal equipment, would bring the total outlay up to about £1000.

Brechin Horticultural Society held a very successful exhibition in Damacre Road Public School on 8th and 9th. Everything was in fine bloom and condition—flowers, fruit, and vegetables.

The Government Grant for the Continuation School for the past year was £180.

There was splendid weather for the "Twelfth," and, although birds were not as plentiful as for a year or two back, fair bags were got in Brechin district.

All the Board Schools in the City were re-opened on 12th, after the summer vacation. The High School was re-opened on 26th.

A Sale of Work, held in Edzell U.F. Manse Garden on 14th, for the purpose of defraying cost of improvements on the Organ, and repairs to the Church, realised £75.

There were great rejoicings on the estate of Balhall on 14th, when Miss Katherine Selina Scott, daughter of the Laird, was wed to Mr. Arthur Clive Nicholson, son of Colonel E. Nicholson, of Newark-on-Trent.

A Sale of Work at Tarfside on 20th and 21st, to defray cost of introducing heating apparatus in the United Free Church there, realised £125 12s.

Black Game shooting opened on 20th in very fine weather and good bags were got.

Harvesting operations were commenced on a number of farms in the district by about the 25th.

The Summer throughout had been extremely dry; the country was beginning to look parched for want of rain, and a water famine in the City was feared. The spell, however, was broken on 24th, when a thunder storm passed over the town, and a perfect deluge of rain fell. Rain also fell during the greater part of 25th, and everyone was relieved.

Salmon net fishing on the North and South Esks closed on 30th. The season had been only a moderate one and prices on the market had ruled rather below the average.

After some days of oppressively sultry weather, a severe thunder storm passed over the City on 30th, with a torrential downpour of rain.

SEPTEMBER.

PARTRIDGE shooting opened on 1st in dull, but, on the whole, favourable weather. The season's prospects were better than for some years past.

Notwithstanding the copious falls of rain in the month of August, the water in the Trinity Reservoir continued to fall to such an alarming extent that the town's authorities issued a warning to householders to be careful against waste.

The grant to the burgh for the year, under the Local Taxation Act, was £305 14s 2d., and the Town Council agreed to apply it to the relief of the burgh rates.

On 4th, 5th, and 6th, a Bazaar, under the auspices of Lodge St. James No 123, was held in the City Hall, for the purpose of raising funds towards paying the cost of recent extensions and alterations on the Lodge Hall: the sum of £490 was realised.

Mr. George R. Smith, who, for the past six years, had been Professional to the Brechin C.C., was on 5th, presented by the club with a handsome Gold Watch, and also with a present for Mrs. Smith, on the occasion of his leaving the club's service.

Brechin C.C. concluded their season on 6th, when they played Forfarshire; the "Shire" beat the City 204—161.

The City Improvement Association decided on a very worthy work when they resolved to renovate the grave and repair and restore the tombstone of Alexander Laing, the Brechin Poet, author of "Wayside Flowers" "Sandy Laing" was born on 17th May 1787 and died 14th October 1857, and his grave is in the Old Churchyard of Brechin.

In the course of alterations on a house at the corner of Market Street and Maisondieu Lane, an old stone mantle-piece was discovered. It was found to bear the emblems of the old Hammermen's Incorporation and Society, and certain carvings of guns and pistols, with the name James McKenzie. James McKenzie carried on a gun-maker's business there some 100 or 120 years ago. The stone was replaced in the outer wall of the house, and there it is now.

On the occasion of attaining the 50th year of his ministry, the whole period having been passed with the Bank Street U.F. (U.P.) Congregation, the Rev. R. Workman Orr was, at a public Soiree under the auspices of the Congregation, on 22nd, presented with a cheque for £1000 and several other gifts. Mr. Orr was ordained to the pastorate on 22nd December 1863.

The Evening Continuation Classes, under the Burgh School Board, were re-opened on 22nd.

A handsome new Pipe Organ has been introduced into the Gardner Memorial Church, and the inauguration thereof took place on 26th, when Mr. M. M. Gilchrist, A.R.C.M., Organist of Brechin Cathedral, presided at the instrument, and the united choirs of the Cathedral and Gardner Memorial Church rendered the vocal parts.

The enrolments at the High School for the opening session showed an increase from 214 to 233.

OCTOBER.

THE Autumn Holiday for the Burgh was observed on 6th, when Schools, Offices, Factories, &c., were all closed. The weather was cold and stormy, with bright intervals, and was not very enticing for holiday making.

The Grouse season was, on the whole, considerably under the average of the last two years.

The Brechin Victoria Nurses attended 69 cases during the quarter, and made 1129 visits in all.

Pheasant shooting opened on 1st. The indications were that the season would be a good one.

The Artisan Golf Club held their Annual Supper in the Club House on 8th, when a most enjoyable evening was passed under the presidency of the captain, Mr. David Thomson.

Up to the middle of October, on many farms in the district, stooks of grain were still standing in the fields, and presented a pitiful spectacle, being much blackened and sprouted. The finish of harvest had been very much delayed by bad weather.

Plans of a new operating theatre at the Infirmary, and for other internal alterations, at a cost of £500, were approved at the monthly meeting of Directors of the Institution,

A much needed work was the re-numbering of the houses throughout the town, which was resolved upon by the Town Council at the monthly meeting.

Anniversary Services were held in the E.U. Congregational Church on 19th, when the Rev. A. D. Anderson, Glasgow, preached to large congregations, afternoon and evening. The annual Soiree was held in the Church on 20th.

Special Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday 19th. The Church was beautifully and appropriately decorated and the offerings were on behalf of the Church's Foreign Mission in Kafraria and Canada.

By the last week of the month, potato lifting was well on to a finish. The weather had been fine and the work, on the whole, was rapidly got on with. The quality was good, but the crop was scarcely up to the average of recent years.

Mr. William Brand, after completing 52 years in the service of the Caledonian Railway, most of the time at Brechin Station, as foreman plate-layer, was, on 25th, presented by the station staff and friends with an Easy Chair and Purse of Sovereigns and a Silver Teapot for "the wife."

By a fire at the farm of Dalgety on the early morning of 25th, ten stacks of oats were consumed, the loss amounting to between £300 and £400.

The Rev. Dr. Carter gave a very interesting illustrated lecture in the East Parish Church on 26th, on gospel work among the women of India.

The Co-operative Society raised the Bakers' wages 3/- per week, making the minimum wage 30/- per week.

NOVEMBER.

THE Brechin Cage Bird Society celebrated their Jubilee this month, when an exceptionally fine exhibition was held in the Temperance Hall on 1st. There were exhibits from all over the kingdom.

The angling season on North and South Esks closed on 1st Nov. and was reckoned probably the worst season on record. "Takes" were very small throughout.

Polling for the election of the Town Council and for the triennial election of the Parish Council, took place on 4th. For four seats on the Town Council there were six candidates—the four retiring members, a former member, who was defeated at last election, and one new man. Three of the retiring members were sent back, along with the candidate formerly rejected.

For the 12 seats on the Parish Council—burghal ward—there were 14 candidates, some old and some new, and all the old members who stood were returned, with one exception,

Brechin Co-operative Women's Guild held a very successful Cinderella Dance in the Temperance Hall on 7th, when a pleasant time was passed.

At the first meeting of the newly constituted Town Council, the Reverend member of the Board was appointed to the vacant bailieship. Brechin's Reverend Bailie is almost the only Reverend Bailie in the kingdom.

The Town Council, at their meeting on 10th, set themselves down to give serious consideration to the improvement of the public water supply. The "serious consideration" resulted in remitting the matter to the water committee.

On the occasion of relinquishing her position as matron of the Brechin Day Nursery, to take up work in Edinburgh, Miss King was, on 10th, waited upon by the mothers patronising the Institution, and was presented with a handsome fitted bag, as a token of their appreciation of her services.

103 fully paid up £1 shares in the Farmers' Mart were put up for sale by roup in various lots, on 11th, and sold at £1 each.

The Town Council decided to purchase new enamelled name-plates for the Streets, and to have the numbers of the Doors repainted—a much needed improvement.

Hallowe'en was celebrated in Brechin on the 12th, in the usual rollicking manner.

The Burgh School Board at their meeting on 17th, raised the maximum scale of pay for female teachers from £80 to £90 per annum, and that of the male teachers from £130 to £135.

The Brechin Association of the Educational Institute of Scotland held a delightful "At Home" in the Mechanics' Hall on 15th, to bid welcome to Mr. C. H. Rankine and Mr. A. McDonald, H.M.I.S., appointed as Inspectors in the north Forfarshire and Kincardineshire Division.

Obituary Notices.

MR. JAMES BARTY, WEST TOLL.

"JAMES" was a roadman for the greater part of his life, having followed that occupation in the Brechin district for fully sixty years.

Some forty five years prior to his death he rented the West Toll of Brechin, which he held until Tolls were abolished. Thereafter he continued to reside in the old Toll House.

Some years before his death, Mr. Barty retired from work on account of advancing years and physical frailties. He was of a retiring disposition, but a wide circle of friends held him in high regard. Mr. Barty had been in somewhat feeble health for some time and he passed away on 16th December, 1912, in his 89th year.

REV. J. Y. SCOTT.

ALTHOUGH removed from Brechin more than a generation ago, the Rev. J. Y. Scott, as a former minister of the East Parish Church, which was his first charge, is still held in kindly remembrance by the older members of that congregation.

During the period of his ministry in Brechin he gained the esteem, not only of his congregation, but of all classes in the community. A man of the most happy disposition and open mind, he was an especial favourite with the young people, with whom he kept himself in close touch. After some years of pastoral work in Brechin he was translated to a charge in Kirkcaldy where his labours were equally effective, Thence he went to Buccleuch Parish, Edinburgh, and finally to the charge of Campsie Parish. There he laboured for a score of years, latterly, on account of failing health, applying for and receiving an assistant and successor. Mr. Scott died very suddenly at Portobello in the month of February, in his 69th year.

MR. WILLIAM D. FERRIER, MERCHANT.

MR. WILLIAM D. FERRIER was born of humble parentage in St. Mary Street, Brechin, and after a short period of "schulin" was put to work as a message boy with the well-known firm of Mitchell & Shepherd, Grocers, Brechin, who, at that time, occupied the corner premises at the 'Prentice Neuk now in possession of the Brechin United Co-operative Society, Ltd. In due time "Willie" became a full-fledged grocer's apprentice, and at the expiry of his four years' apprenticeship he went to Edinburgh to gain further business experience.

After a short stay in the Capital City he returned to Brechin as head salesman in the firm where he received his early training and with them he remained.

Mr. Shepherd, the junior partner, died some time after Mr. Ferrier's return and the latter became the active right-hand man of the senior partner—the late Lord Provost Mitchell.

With advancing years Mr. Mitchell retired and Mr. Ferrier became a partner in the business along with Mr. Mitchell's son, who shortly afterwards left the city, Mr. Ferrier then becoming sole proprietor and continuing to carry on a most progressive and successful business until his death

Mr. Ferrier was of a retiring but very genial nature. He took no office on public boards, but was always keenly interested in what was going on, whether in Church, Municipal, or Scholastic affairs. He had a mind of his own; was never slow to express his views whether for or against those held by the general community and his shrewd and solid outlook on matters of general interest were much appreciated.

He took a warm and practical interest in Bank Street U.F. Church and did much for the welfare of that congregation in which for a long period he was an office-bearer. He gave a ready support to all philanthrophic and charitable schemes.

Mr. Ferrier lived a simple life and his recreations were few. He keenly enjoyed a game at bowls or a round of the golf course. He was the same unassuming gentleman to all classes and was held in the highest esteem by all. He was at business in his usual health up to the forenoon of Monday, 24th March, when he was seized with a sudden illness and removed to his home. In spite of all that medical aid could do, he rapidly became worse, and died early on the morning of 25th March. Mr. Ferrier was 63 years of age and unmarried.

MR. ROBERT W. WILL, S.S.C.

Mr. Will was the second son of the late Mr. Charles Will, Writer, Brechin, who was for some time Provost of the City, and founder of the law firm now known as Messrs. Will & Philip.

He received his early education under Mr. Prain of the Burgh School, and Mr. Alexander, then Rector of the Grammar School, and afterwards served his law apprenticeship in his father's office.

Before he was out of his teens he went to Edinburgh and entered the office of Mr. James Webster, S.S.C., who had one of the largest practices in that City. Mr. Will, by his close attention to business, secured rapid promotion, and became Managing Clerk within two years of entering the office. In 1869 he became a member of the Society of Solicitors to the Supreme Court and prior to that he had charge of the Court business of the firm of which, in 1871, he was assumed a partner. Later, he became the senior partner, the firm being then known as Messrs. Webster, Will, & Ritchie, and enjoying a law business which was one of the most extensive in Edinburgh.

A thoroughly keen man of business, Mr. Will devoted little time to matters outside his own profession. Although resident outwith Brechin since his early youth, he ever showed a deep and kindly interest in his native city, and that interest took a very practical and

generous form when, on the occasion of the restoration of Brechin Cathedral, he gifted to the memory of his father, the thirteen beautiful stained glass windows in the Chancel.

Kindly and humorous, Mr. Will had many friends and held the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He had been retired from business for some years on account of ill health, and he died rather suddenly at his residence in Colinton Road, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 3rd June, in his 69th year. Mr. Will was unmarried.

MR. WILLIAM DUNCAN, WEST PITTENDREICH.

MR. DUNCAN was brought up on the farm of West Pittendreich of which his father had been tenant for a number of years. He was educated at the Brechin Burgh School and afterwards received a business training in a law office in town. Thereafter he assisted his father on the farm, and, on the death of the latter, entered on a tenancy of it on his own account, continuing to hold it until his death.

Mr. Duncan never took any part in public affairs, but his kindly, happy, nature made for him a multitude of friends. He was an enthusiastic musician and as a violinist was gifted with no small ability. He had been in somewhat poor health for a considerable time and he died on the morning of Sunday, 5th October. Mr. Duncan left a Widow.

MR. ALEX. ROBERTSON, FARNELL MILLS.

MR. ROBERTSON had been connected with the business of Farnell Meal Mills for over fifty years, having succeeded the tenancy of his father. He spent his whole life in the parish of Farnell, and was a well-known and highly respected figure, not only in that parish, but throughout a wide district.

A man of sound principles and business integrity he gained the esteem of all, in the many centres where his business led him.

Mr. Robertson took no active part in the public affairs of the parish, but he had a very kindly and practical interest in those less fortunate than himself and was ever ready with a helping hand.

He had not been in the best of health for a year or two and his death occurred on 14th November in his 75th year. Mr. Robertson left a widow and two daughters.

Half-Century Obituary of Prominent Townsmen and Neighbours.

	Died	Age
Chas. Ogilvy, solicitor .	1864	66
W. Pennycook, Bridgend	1864	83
Jas. Anderson, Bridgend	1864	87
John Dakers, shoemaker.	1864	93
Dr. Jas. Don, of Bearehill	1864	65
Rev. T. Hill, Logie Pert	1864	65
Jas. Hampton, T. Market	1865	67
John Grimm, manufacturer	1865	61
Jas. Knowles, Crown Inn	1865	50
D. Laing, manufacturer .	1865	60
Robt. Scott, Pittendreich	1866	70
Wm. Anderson, solicitor	1866	84
Rev. H. Brewster, Farnell	1866	60
Dr. Alex. Gibson, Auchenreoch - - - - -	1867	67
Rev. D. Harris, Fern -	1867	93
Hunt. Mather, Association	1868	68
John Patullo, Burghill -	1868	73
Geo. Reid, tobacconist -	1868	81
G. Cooper Scott, of Glencadam - - - -	1868	46
Dr. William Sharpe, -	1868	71
John Inglis Chalmers, of Aldbar - - - -	1868	59
John Valentine, carpenter	1868	75
R. Vallentine, Bogmuir -	1868	82
Rev. Geo. Walker, D.D., Kinnell - - - -	1868	85
Wm. Fraser, town-officer	1868	97
Wm. Mill, cabinetmaker	1869	64
Alex. Monro, East Mills-	1869	80
A. Pirie, nurseryman -	1869	64
Dr. Alex. Guthrie . -	1869	77
A. Sievewright, Association	1870	75
Alex. Black, bookseller -	1870	77
Alex. Burns, fisherman -	1870	65
Jas. Fairweather, distiller	1870	83
Rev. A. Simpson, M.A., Tarfside - - - -	1871	—
Charles Mitchell, draper	1871	86
J. Carnegy Arbuthnott, of Balnamoon . . -	1871	88
David Craig, solicitor .	1871	63
Patrick Guthrie, draper .	1871	65
George Jarron, Mains of Melgund . . .	1871	70
Dr. Robert Jarron . .	1871	65
Thomas Kerr, Viewbank	1871	55
James Thomson, Findowrie	1871	78
John Mather, postrunner	1872	87
J. Smith, Masons' Lodge	1872	79
James Speid, of Forneth	1872	92
David Black, Barrelwell -	1872	62
Geo. Anderson, auctioneer	1873	59
J. Anderson, cabinetmaker	1873	72
Rev. Thomas Guthrie, D.D.	1873	69
J. Alexander, bookbinder	1874	64
Right Hon. Earl of Dalhousie (Fox Maule) -	1874	73
James Don, candlemaker	1874	72
Rev. James Gowans -	1874	82
Rev. A. Halkett - -	1874	63
David Lamb, manufacturer	1874	77
Rt. Rev. Bishop Forbes, D.C.L, - - - -	1875	59
D. Robertson, Mains of Edzell . - - -	1875	63
George Scott, banker -	1875	69
Colvin Smith, R.S.A. -	1875	80
D. D. Black, town-clerk -	1875	78
Joseph Hendry, draper -	1875	77
Rev. John Lamb, Errol	1875	87
Alex. Lawrence, Greenden	1875	87
John Lawrence, S. Port -	1875	61
Geo. Scott, of Renmuir -	1876	89
J. Jameson, ironmonger -	1876	84
Rev. R. Inglis, Edzell -	1876	72
Sir Jas. Campbell of Stracathro . - - - -	1876	86
J. Lindsay, T. Market -	1876	83

	Died	Age
Dan. Macintosh, registrar	1876	78
C. Oswald, tobacco manufr.	1876	85
James Ogilvy, Pitforthie	1877	88
James Peter, Tillygloom	1877	82
Rev. G. Alexander, rector	1877	92
David Duke, manufacturer	1877	55
G. Duncan, W. Pi'ndreich	1877	77
Dr. J. Fettes, Laurencekirk	1877	79
Sam. Strachan, High St.	1878	74
James Dall, nurseryman	1878	93
A. Jervise, F.G.A. Insp. of Registers	1878	58
Rev. A. L. R. Foote, D.D.	1878	74
Thomas Don, Balzeordie	1878	74
Jas. Vallentine, Arnhall	1878	65
John Watson, Ledmore	1878	84
Charles Will, solicitor	1878	68
George Gray, bleacher	1878	55
John Smart, Jun.,	1879	24
T. Ogilvy, corn merchant	1879	82
James Guthrie, Edzell	1879	53
David Hebenton, S. Port	1879	77
G. Henderson, D. Nursery	1879	77
Alex. Joe, mason	1879	47
D. S. Shiress, Edinburgh	1880	55
James Barclay, Gas Co.	1880	75
W. Christie, upholsterer	1880	39
Right Hon. Earl of Dalhousie (Geo. Ramsay)	1880	75
Wm. Lowe, postmaster	1880	76
Lieut.-Col. Swinburne, of Marcus	1881	77
John Valentine, draper	1881	65
Jas. Watt, Provost of Leith	1881	51
Wm. Shiress, solicitor	1881	77
Dr. Douglas, of St. Anns	1881	74
Alex. Guthrie, Maisondieu	1882	83
Alex. Laing, LL.D.	1882	74
Robert Symington	1882	71
Robt. Stocks, Westside	1883	75
Cap. Hon. J. Carnegie, R.N.	1883	54
Col. David Guthrie.	1883	69
Rev. Alex. M. Davidson, Kinnell	1883	47
John G. Scott, Cross	1884	52
Joseph Simpson, cowfeeder	1884	74
John Davidson, saddler	1884	79
J. Edward, Ms. Keithock	1884	83
Major-General Ramsay (Edward Bannerman)	1884	58
F. M. Lord Strathnairn, K.C.B. (Hugh H. Rose)	1885	82
James Fletcher, of Fern	1885	75
D. Crighton, Maisondieu Lane	1885	83
R. Gordon, Gold's Yards	1885	95
Alexander Mustard	1886	58
Horatio Ross, Netherley	1886	86
John Smith, Andover, Mass.	1886	98
Rev. Archibald Buchanan, Logie-Pert	1886	—
Dr. Alex. Guthrie	1886	56
Alex. Fairweather, Pearse Street	1886	77
Alex. R. Laing	1886	59
Rev. Andw. M'Illwraith, Lochlee	1886	—
James Webster, Farnell	1886	—
C. Young, nurseryman	1886	73
D. Young, St. Mary st.	1887	83
Alex. Airth, blacksmith	1887	68
William Craig, Drum	1887	86
G. Cromar, missionary	1887	70
John Dakers, manufacturer	1887	93
Right Hon. Earl of Dalhousie (John Ramsay)	1887	40
John Dear, mason	1887	84
Ross Dear, painter	1887	69
James Alex. Gardner	1887	30
John Guthrie, M.D.	1887	57
James P. Jack, Penrith	1887	66
Rev. Walter Low, Lochlee	1887	84
D. M'Gregor Peter	1887	84
John M'Pherson Scott	1887	36
John Morton, joiner	1888	63
Hugh Baird, Menmuir	1888	84
Joseph Brand, merchant	1888	73
Robert Anderson	1888	75
James Scotland	1888	53
William Angus,	1888	70
David Rose, farmer	1888	82
John Rose, farmer	1888	78
Richard Alexander	1888	67
Alexander Buchan, joiner	1888	76
John P. Rose, California	1888	37
John Crowe	1888	54
William Watt, joiner	1888	73
David Inglis, Montrose	1888	57
G. Davidson, N.W. Bridge	1888	79
C. Lyall, Old Montrose	1888	75
D.S. Robertson, Murlin'den	1888	86
John Sutherland, Lochlee	1888	65
James Pert, local character	1888	76
James Hood, weaver	1888	80
David Gordon, farmer,	1888	88
Duncan Duff, shoemaker	1889	53

	Died	Age
George D. Leighton, farmer	1889	70
John Michie, gamekeeper	1889	45
Alexander Selby, tailor	1889	52
David Christie, watchmaker	1889	46
John Lindsay, joiner -	1889	59
David Bean, auctioneer -	1889	73
James Duncan, shoemaker	1889	54
George Milne, farmer -	1889	75
James Will, solicitor -	1889	42
John Mackie, surgeon -	1889	80
Major General J. Smith -	1889	65
John Hood, contractor -	1889	67
Dean Moir - - -	1889	—
David Scott, Newington -	1890	78
Wm. Laing, meter insp. -	1890	77
John Belford, Chicago -	1890	66
Homer Neish, postman -	1890	—
Wm. Neish, ,, -	1890	30
A. Paxton, J.P., Viewbank	1890	61
J. Mitchell, Stannochy -	1890	55
D. Fairweather, Langhaugh	1890	72
Rev. D. Davidson - -	1890	89
John Adamson, Negapatam	1890	39
G. F. Fenwick, revenue officer - - - -	1890	75
John Towns, America -	1890	76
Wm. Steven, slater -	1890	76
Wm. Lyall, teacher -	1890	30
Archibald Duke - -	1890	20
D. P. Mitchell, Architect	1890	27
J. Martin, N. Melgund -	1890	76
John Low, cowfeeder -	1891	89
James Gordon, tailor -	1891	78
James Ireland - -	1891	66
Robert B. Thomson -	1891	41
James Bruce, mason -	1891	66
Charles Martin, farmer -	1891	77
Dean Crabb - - -	1891	61
J. Stephen, flax inspector	1891	46
John Jarron, clothier -	1891	57
Wm. Davidson - -	1891	—
J. Spalding, factory-worker	1891	84
James Myles, forester -	1891	49
H. D. Prain, Scottish Union and Nat. Insurance Co.	1891	—
William Bruce, painter -	1891	45
T. H. Cox, of Maulesden	1892	74
Rev. Donaldson Rose -	1892	74
Jas. Inverarity, bookseller	1892	80
Wm. Black, joiner - -	1892	81
Dr. Thomson - - -	1892	44
John Peacock, joiner -	1892	92
Jas. Mustard, corn mcht.	1892	—
Jas. Henderson, Kincraig	1892	—
James Lesslie, slater -	1892	62
Wm. Duncan, merchant -	1892	87
Wm. Smith, farmer -	1892	73
Dr. Burns, Kirkleston -	1892	84
R. Meldrum - - -	1893	61
John Adamson, Careston	1893	80
Wm. Low (Lairdie) -	1893	72
Jas. Melrose - - -	1893	78
John Gibson - - -	1893	59
Rev. Alex. Gardner -	1893	80
Rev. Jas. Edward Carlyle, London - - -	1893	71
J. L. Gordon - - -	1893	71
Jas. Edwards - - -	1893	66
James Scott - - -	1893	81
Wm. Carnegie of Dunlappie	1893	91
William Sinclair, slater .	1893	49
Alexander Gordon, painter	1893	56
Wm. Davidson, Calcutta	1894	52
Thos. Picken, teacher -	1894	69
Robt. Thomson, plasterer	1894	86
Chas. Oswald Hall - -	1894	40
Charles Mitchell - -	1894	68
James Ford, draper -	1894	66
W. H. Duncan, tinsmith	1894	86
J. Buyers of Easter Braikie	1894	79
Chas. Alexander, solicitor	1894	41
Wm. Allison, land steward	1894	72
David Glen, clothier .	1894	64
Wm. Mitchell, shoemaker	1895	73
Colin Sievwright . .	1895	76
John Mackie, M.D. .	1895	53
Jas. Thomson, plasterer .	1895	52
B. M. Bisset, M.R.C.V.S.	1895	50
John Mollison . .	1895	82
J. C. Inverarity .	1895	40
Rev. H. Aird, D.D. .	1895	70
Jas. Baxter, builder .	1895	41
Thos. Nicol, merchant .	1895	90
Thomas Annand . .	1895	86
Jonathan Davidson .	1895	82
G. Cuthbert, plumber -	1895	44
David Wishart, spirit mer.	1896	42
Geo. Wallace - - -	1896	70
G. O'Neil - - -	1896	70
Col. McInroy, the Burn -	1896	91
Geo. Fenwick, Hong-Kong	1896	—
Jas. D. Winton, solicitor	1896	67
John Willocks, watchmaker	1896	76
Alex. Adams, Newton Mill	1896	—
Jas. A. Kinnear, plumber	1896	69
Wm. Hebenton, flesher -	1896	68

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Jas. Scott, Pittendreich	1896	62
Alex. Miller, Melbourne	1896	45
Robt. Smith, farmer, Perth	1896	80
William Whitson, solicitor	1896	69
A. Stevenson Cookston	1896	—
P. Mitchell, Bridge street	1896	69
P. Mitchell, confectioner	1896	45
D. Prain, teacher	1897	92
Colonel Scott, farmer	1897	51
John Duncan, millwright	1897	61
George Mitchell, ground officer, Edzell	1897	74
Joseph Reid, joiner	1897	78
D. F. Anderson, J.P.	1897	61
John Clark, crofter	1897	67
D. Low, waste merchant	1897	65
J. B. Hodge, clothier	1897	40
A. Morrison, saddler	1897	61
Lieut.-Col. The Honble. Robt. A. Ramsay	1897	—
D. Steele, Star hotel	1897	53
W. M. Mustard	1897	78
Charles Low	1898	80
Robert G. Mowat	1898	84
J. S. Grant, dentist	1898	73
William Thom	1898	60
James Bearn	1898	81
R. L. Mustard	1898	74
James Reid	1898	—
David Cargill	1898	80
Alex. Reid, farmer	1899	55
Walter Ogilvy, farmer	1899	90
Alex. Mitchell, D.D.	1899	76
Wm. Reid, station master	1899	76
A. Simpson, coachbuilder	1899	76
Rev. James Mackay	1899	—
Arthur Capel Carnegy Arbuthnott	1899	76
David Joe	1899	63
Alex. Bell, farmer	1899	45
Wm. Don, merchant	1899	—
A. K. Strachan, tailor	1899	63
John Don, bank agent	1899	—
Geo. Anderson, auctioneer	1899	56
Alex. Crockett, builder	1899	62
D. G. C. Scott, farmer	1899	62
W. O'Neill	1900	76
Jonathan Cooper, gamedlr.	1900	84
Jas. Black, Auchlishie	1900	73
D. Edwards, shoemaker	1900	—
Al. Thomson, S.S.C.	1900	60
D. Yule	1900	91
John Baxter, builder	1900	70
D. M. Ford, draper	1900	71
John Henry, S.S.C.	1900	83
John S. Bisset	1900	52
John Denholm, Kinnaird	1900	57
John S. Smith	1900	56
Wm. Anderson	1900	76
Mrs Mitchell	1900	102
"Miss Jessie" Alexander	1900	82
Rev. J. A. Clark	1900	41
Hon. D. Carnegie	1900	30
Robt. Lamb	1900	72
Jas. Thomson	1901	71
Walter Bruce	1901	70
Colonel Guthrie	1901	73
Thos. Ferguson	1901	86
Robt. Black	1901	58
James Smith, farmer	1901	64
H. Edwards, hallkeeper	1901	73
J. Smart, manufacturer	1901	85
Alex. Fraser	1902	77
Wm. Bruce, joiner	1902	75
Rev. George Monro, M.A.	1902	80
James Milne Grubb	1902	63
John Oswald	1902	75
Alex. Coutts, F.E.I.S.	1902	67
James M. Bain	1902	48
D. B. Mackie	1902	41
Rev. J. L. Thomson, M.A., B.D.	1902	55
Alex. Carnegie, D.L., J.P.	1902	58
D. F. Scott	1902	38
W. Carnegie, Coul	1902	70
Alex. Murray, Montreal	1902	65
Jas. Brodie	1902	48
John Innes, farmer	1903	84
Jas. Stevenson, Town Chamberlain	1903	57
W. M. Vallentine, banker	1903	56
Alex. Durie, accountant	1903	28
John Buchanan, teacher	1903	38
Rev. J. D. Don, S. Africa	1903	69
John Bruce, painter	1903	56
Ramsay Kidd	1903	76
Robt. Mather, solicitor	1903	83
James Kidd	1903	77
Miss Duke, Esk Park	1903	79
John Cargill, gardener	1903	—
Alexander M. Thomson, accountant	1904	83
James Clark, painter	1904	73
Dowager-Countess of Dalhousie	1904	85
Hon. Mrs. C. M. Ramsay	1904	—

	Died	Age
James H. Lamb, manufacturer	1904	68
John Black, solicitor	1904	72
W. Brechin. musician	1904	80
Martin M. M. Prain	1904	68
David Hutcheon, painter	1904	71
J. J. Taylor, accountant	1904	70
John Coupar, farmer	1905	80
The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Southesk, K.T.	1905	77
Chas. Anderson, solicitor	1905	83
Rev. D. S. Ross, Edzell	1905	65
Ex-Bailie Lawrence	1905	69
Ex-Bailie Hampton	1905	60
James Christie, draper	1905	60
Alex. Smith, residenter	1905	67
Rev. Colin Vallentine, F.R.C.S.E., LL.D.	1905	70
Wm. Sievwright	1905	82
Alex. Scott	1905	74
John Duke, manufacturer	1905	50
William Stewart	1905	61
David Alexander, printer	1905	56
Colonel R. G. Lowe	1906	69
Mrs. Capel Carnegy Arbuthnott	1906	83
Capt. Dudley Chas. Stuart, R.N.	1906	62
Mrs Robert Duke	1906	—
John Oswald, paper maker	1906	84
W. Watson Watt	1906	56
David Don, Durban	1906	—
Jas. Johnston, gardener	1906	62
James Smith, West Kirby	1906	84
David Burns, publisher	1906	95
J. B. Terrace, gas manager	1906	58
Jas. Wood, hotel keeper	1906	61
John Brown, musician	1906	38
Rev. D. M. Morgan	1906	48
Rev. Dr J. S. Black	1906	61
Charles C. Knowles	1906	50
James Ferrier, distiller	1907	90
James Don, solicitor	1907	70
J. Milne, Crimean veteran	1907	72
Wm. McNab of Keithock	1907	64
J. B. Chalmers, West Muir	1907	75
R. V. Cowan, Balbirnie	1907	66
Alex. Smith, Findowrie	1907	24
W. E. Christie, M.A.	1907	64
Wm. Middleton, M.A.	1907	75
Augustus John William Henry Kennedy-Erskine of Dun	1908	42
D. Hume, Barrelwell	1908	57
D. Sharpe, East Drum	1908	69
Rev. F. Cruickshanks	1908	81
John Soutar Baxter	1908	67
Robert Duke, J.P.	1908	80
Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman	1908	72
Alex. Law	1908	90
Right Hon. J. A. Campbell	1908	84
David Milne, farmer	1908	68
John Y. Burness, manager	1908	79
R. W. Duke, manufacturer	1908	47
Andrew Rodger	1909	79
Jas. Edwards, plumber	1909	44
David Smart, builder	1909	84
Wm. Jolly, bookseller	1909	65
Gregor Cumming	1909	58
John Lawrence, chemist	1909	75
Jas. M. Strachan, butcher	1909	70
Keith Knowles, horsehirer	1909	57
Wm. Dalgetty	1909	70
Jas. Craig, solicitor	1909	78
Rev. R. Grant, Stracathro	1909	81
Robt. Finlay, rope spinner	1909	51
James Mitchell, C.E.	1909	—
Rev. John Traill, India	1909	—
David Reid, farmer	1909	89
Rev. John Duke	1909	74
John Shiress Will, K.C.	1910	69
John Scott Ferrier, publisher	1910	66
John Jolly, innkeeper	1910	43
John Willocks, merchant	1910	68
Walter C. Christie, spirit merchant	1910	51
James Grimm, joiner	1910	84
D. Hodgeton, chemist	1910	85
John Selby, Farnell	1910	58
Alex. Rankine, overseer	1910	68
Henry Braid, saddler	1911	79
Wm. Whyte, draper	1911	78
Alex. Lawrence, M.D.	1911	68
William Fettes	1911	78
John Anderson	1911	65
Wm. Matthew, grocer	1911	75
J. B. Meldrum, rag mcht.	1911	59
G. M. Inglis of Murlingden	1911	67
Rev. Wm. Duke, D.D.,	1911	80
Robert Hampton, merchant	1911	79
Jas. Anderson, Bridgend	1911	—
John Willocks, tailor	1912	89
George Gordon Brechin, painter	1912	83

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Jas. Laing, potato m'cht.	1912	74
John Soutar, Leuchland	1912	80
John Shiell, S.S.C.	1912	79
Alexander Annandale, nurseryman	1912	80
James Todd, reedmaker	1912	81
James Crocket, builder	1912	79
John Gordon	1912	53
W. Innes Addison, Glasgow University registrar	1912	55
David Middleton, postman	1912	84
Alexander Grant	1912	58
Blyth Waterson, bookseller	1912	76
D. J. M'Kay, bookseller	1912	—
James Barty, tollkeeper	1912	89
Wm. Ferrier, shoemaker	1912	84
Wm. D. Ferrier, grocer	1913	63
Very Rev. Wm. Hatt, Dean of Brechin	1913	70
Robt. W. Will, S.S.C.	1913	69
George More, Ironfounder	1913	67
William Duncan, Farmer	1913	64
Robertson, Alex., Farnell Mills	1913	75

Professions and Trades Directory.

NOTE.—The Publishers have made every endeavour to ensure correctness in this List Omissions or inaccuracies on being pointed out will be corrected in next year's issue.

Aerated Water Manufacturer.

Lamb, David, 32 City road

Architects.

Boulton, A., 31 St. David street
Galloway, D. W., 2 Market st.

Auctioneers.

Barrie, James, Clerk street
Brechin Auction Mart, Ltd.
Milne, John, 11 Panmure street
Gibson, G. O., 11 Panmure street
Stewart, James C., 11 Panmure st.
Brechin Farmers' Mart Ltd.
Mitchell Wm., Clerk street

Bakers.

Aitken Brothers, Montrose street
Belford, Alex., 28 High street
Belford, John, Market street
Brechin United Co-Operative Society (Limited), Montrose street and Witchden road
Cook, J., Montrose street
Gellatly, J., 45 High street
Gellatly, J. (pastry), St. David st.
Hutton, W., 31 High street
Ritchie, James, 26 Montrose street

Bicycle Hirers and Dealers.

Anderson, Thomas, Montrose street
Davidson, John, Panmure street
Duncan, John, St. David street and St. Mary street
Eggo, Wm. E., Montrose street
Gray, Wm., River street
Milne, A., & Son, Clerk street
Wilson, J., Montrose street

Billposters.

Forfarshire Billposting Company

Blacksmiths.

Bisset & Douglas, 48 City road
Oswald, John, & Son, Damacre road
Oswald, Peter, River street
Sherret, D., 6 Clerk street

Bleachers.

Cargill & Company, Limited
Inch Bleaching Company

Booksellers and Stationers.

BLACK & JOHNSTON, 40 High st.
Alexander, William, St. David street
Dutch, David, High street and St. Mary street
Hendry, William, Swan street
Robertson, D. B., Montrose st.

Boot and Shoemakers.

Brechin United Co-Operative Society (Limited), High street
Collié, John, 36 Market street
Cooper, J., 11 Bridge street
Davidson, W., South Port
Duke, John, High street
Duncan, John, 35 Montrose street
Findlay, J., High street
Greenlees & Sons, 17 High street
Jenkins, Jas., 6 Swan street
Keith, R., Montrose street
Kidd, Ramsay, High street
Mitchell, George, 12 High street
Robertson, D., Market street
Ross, John, Montrose street
Sanderson, J., River street
Stephen, M. B., 5 Church street

Brewers.

North Port Brewery Co.

Brokers.

Meldrum & Co., City road
Whitlaw, David, High street

Builders & Quarrymasters.

Crabb, David, East Bank
Dures, James, Damacre road
Gordon & Ross, Union street
Rough, Alex., Park road

Butchers.

Brechin United Co-Operative Beef Store, 33 Montrose street
Eastmans, Ltd., High street
Lamb, James, Panmure street
M'Intosh, James, Damacre road
Reid & Barrie, 58 High street
Do. Market street
Strachan, J. M., 16 High street
Thomson, Geo., & Son, South Port
Whitton, A. & W., Montrose street and Church street
Whitton, D., 5 High street

Carters.

Cameron, J. & P., Railway station
Muir, Son & Patton, Ltd.. Railway stn
Wordie & Co., Railway Station

Chimney Sweeps.

Falconer, J., School lane.
Monro, D., Bridge street.

China and Glass Dealers.

Brechin United Co-Operative Society, Limited, High street
Burns, Mrs., 27 River street
Garnes, James, Scott street
Gibb, Miss, High street
Hutton, Alex., High street
Stewart, D., Bridge street
Tosh, W., Wilson's park
Whitlaw, David, High street

Coach Builders.

Simpson A., & Son, Clerk street

Coal Merchants.

Brechin United Co-Operative Society, Limited, Railway station
Muir, Son, & Patton, Ltd., Rly. stn
Smith, Hood, & Co., Martin's lane

Confectioners.

Belford, Alex., 28 High street
Belford, J., Market street
Belford, J. S., Panmure street
Bell, Mrs, Kinnaird place
Britcher, Miss, 30 Market street
Brown, Bella. Montrose street
Craigie, H., Union street
Garnes, James, Scott street
Gellatly, J., 45 High street and 24 St. David street
Graham, Thomas, Damacre road
Hebenton, Miss, High street
Hosea, Miss, City Road
Hutton, W., High street
Johnston, Miss, Montrose street
Lyall, Edw., Montrose street
Morrison, Mrs. A., Montrose street
Mudie, W., High street
Peterkin, J., 9 High street
Smith, Miss M., High street
Souttar, Mrs, St. Mary street
Tosh, Miss, Market street
Watson, Geo., 54 High street
Whitlaw, Miss, High street
Young, E., South Port

Corn Merchant.

Milne, George, Swan street

Cowfeeders and Dairymen.

Eggo, Misses, Park road
Hampton, R., Montrose street
Neish, J., Gallowhill
Nicol, Miss, Somerville Dairy
Reid, R., West Bank
Robertson, Mrs, Mount pleasant
Stevenson, A., Newington lane
Todd, D., Montrose street

Dentists.

MacDuff, W. S., Southesk street
Shepherd, E. M., Swan street

Distillers.

Guthrie, Martin, & Co., Limited, North Port
Glencadam Distillery Company (A. G. Thomson & Coy., Ltd.)

Drapers.

Annan, T., High Street
Beaton, M., The Corner

Brechin United Co-Operative Society, Limited, St. David street and High street
Callander, James, High street
Dakers, David, High street
Ford, J. & W., 24 High street
Gardyne, J., 14 Market street
Hendry & Gardiner, St David street
Hillocks, Misses, Montrose street
Jamie & Mitchell, Misses, Swan st
Jarron, James, 3 High street
Lindsay, J. S., 20 High street
Miller, Misses, St David street
M'Lagan, A., St. David street
Morgan, Robert, 15 High street
Paterson, D., High street
Robertson, J. C., Swan street
Robertson, Wm., High street
Steel, Misses, Market street

Dressmakers, Milliners, &c.

*Those marked * are Milliners only.*

Alexander, Miss, Bridge street
Anderson, Miss, Park Road
Brechin United Co-Operative Society, Limited, St. David street and High street
*Caird, Miss, 33 St. David st.
Conn, Miss, St Ninian's place
Cowie, Miss, Clerk street
Drummie, Miss, Swan street
Edwards, Misses, Union street
Edwards, Misses, Argyll street
Fettis, Miss, Panmure street
Forrest, Miss, High street
Gardyne, Mrs., 14 Market street
Gray, Miss, Castle street
Hampton, Miss, River street
Hendry & Gardiner, St David street
Hillocks, Misses, Montrose street
Houston, Miss M. G., Ann terrace
More, Miss M., Montrose street
McOmie, Miss, Union street
Morgan, Robert, 15 High street
Nicoll, Miss B., Clerk street
Nicoll, Misses, East Bank
Nicoll, Miss M., Market street
Ogilvy, J. A., 6 Oswald's buildings
Robertson, J. C., 20 Swan street
Sherret, Mrs, 64 Market street
*Smart, Miss, St. David street
Smith, Misses, 19 Southesk street
Young, Miss, 13 Clerk Street

Druggists.

Crockart, W., High street
Ferrier, W. M., 4 St. David st.
Hutton, J., 8 High street
Lamont, William, High street and Montrose street

Electricians.

Edwards, Jas., Union street
Ferguson, J. H., & Co., Martin's lane
Kinnear, J., & Son, Market street
Lammond, J., & Son, Market street
North of Scotland Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd., Granary Road

Fish Dealers.

Keay, Alf., 51 High street
Findlay, J. G., St. David street

Fishing Tackle Makers.

Murray David, Jun., St. David st.
Steel, W., Church street

Flax Spinners.

The East Mill Company, Limited

Fruit Merchants and Green-Grocers.

Belford, J. Scott, Panmure street
Brown, Bella, Montrose street
Duguid, Miss, Market street
Duncan, James, Banks
Keay, A., 55 High street
Kidd, Chas., 76 High street
Lyall, Ed., Montrose street
Mitchell & Son, Swan street
Monro, W., 4 Market street
Oswald, Robt., High Street
Ross, Wm., 27 High street
Souter, Misses, 64 High street
Young, E., South Port

Furniture Dealers.

Barrie, Jas., Clerk street
Black, Wm., & Son, Clerk street
Cooper, D., Maisondieu lane
Davidson, A., St. Andrew st.
United Co-operative Society, Ltd.
Smith, D., River street

Game Dealers.

Cooper, Jas., 77 High street
Findlay, J. G., St. David street
Smith, James, Scott street

Gardeners (Jobbing).

Burnett, Jas., Latch road
Innes, J., City nursery
Johnston, W. D., 43 High street
Milne, R., Bridge street
Strachan, Wm., 37 City Road

Gardeners (Market).

Barrie, Wm., Latch Road
Duncan, James, Banks
Low, George, Trinity Park

General Dealers.

Barrie, J., Clerk street
Hosea, John, City road
Sharples, Joseph, 28 Bridge street
Smith, D., River street

General Jobbers.

Anderson, Thos., Montrose street
Cowieson, James, Montrose street
Dunn, John M., Bank street

Grocers (not Licensed).

Anderson, J., & Son (Wholesale), 69 Market street
Brechin United Co-Operative Society, Limited—River street; Montrose street; 1 Witchden road; South Port; 1 St. David street; and Southesk street. Office, 73 High street
Collie, John, Market street
Craigie, H., Union street
Findlater, J., Montrose street
Garnes, James, Scott street
Hampton, Mrs., 126 Montrose st
Hill, Sophia, River street
Keay, A., 55 High street
Kidd, Chas., 76 High street
Laing, Mrs., Montrose street
Low, W., & Co., High street
Lyall, Ed., Montrose street
Milne, B. S., Montrose street
M'Laren Mrs., St. James' place
Morrison Mrs., Montrose street
Murray, Mrs., 19 Market street
Neish, Mrs,, Market street
Nicol, Miss, City road
Smith, David, River street.
Smith, David, jun., Montrose street
Souter, Misses, High street
Steel, Misses, 70 Market street
Stewart, Mrs., Montrose street
Valentine, David, 2 St. Mary street
Whitelaw, Miss, High street
Williamson, Mrs., Bridge street
Young, Mrs., 11 City road

Grocers (Licensed).

Bell, R., 11 Market street
Cairncross, W. H., 39 St David street
Esplin, Joseph, River street
Fyffe, W., Market street
Hampton, R., 1 High street
Hendry, W. M., 17 Union street
McMann, John, 100 High street
Mitchell, C., & Son, Swan street
Monro, Wm., 4 Market street
Oswald, Robt., 4 High street
Reoch, Walter, Montrose street
Ross, Wm., 27 High street
Smart, William N., 69 High street
Stewart, Frank, 38 Union street
Thomson, Miss, 159 Montrose street
Wishart, W. C., 17 City road

Gunsmiths.

Murray, David, Jun., St. David st.
Steel, Wm., Church street

Hairdressers.

Cameron, William, Montrose street
Couttie, A., 103 High street
Macdonald, C., 8 Market street
Sinclair, J., Montrose street
Smith, J., Panmure street
Spence, David, & Son, 8 Swan street

Hatters.

Beaton, M., The Corner
Birse, Mrs., 14-18 Swan street
M'Lagan, A., St. David street

Horsehirers.

Balharry, W., Brown Horse hotel stables, Clerk street

Gardyne, D. Cross Guns stables
Manson, Wm., & Son, Commercial stables, and Edzell
Oram, W. B., Crown hotel and West End stables

Hotels.

Balharry, W., Brown Horse Hotel, Market street and Clerk street
Fullegar, Mark, Trinity Village
Hatje, A., Commercial Hotel, Clerk street
Jolly, Miss, Jolly's Hotel, Clerk st
Lyon, James, Star Hotel, Southesk street
Oram, William, Crown Hotel, St. David street
Stewart, A., Dalhousie Hotel, Market street

Ice Cream Merchants.

Galaccio, G., High street
Guiseppe, Vettese, Montrose street

Innkeepers, &c.

Bolag, Ltd., Church street and West End Bar
Brown, James, City Royal Tavern, City road
Clark, D., Bridge End Bar, River st.
Conroy, John J., Exchange Inn, 10 Church street
Findlay, W., 73 Montrose street
Honeyman, A., Railway Tavern, 41 Damacre road
North Port Brewery Co., (Porter and Ale), North port
Smart, G. (Porter and Ale), Park road
Smith, Robt., South Port Bar
Smith, James E., The Eagle Inn, 105 High street
Whyte, John, Red Lion Tavern, Montrose street

Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Murray, D., St. David strect

Insurance and other Agents.

BLACK & JOHNSTON, High st.—Advertising Agents and Agents for American, Anchor, Allan, Cunard, C.P.R., Dominion, Donaldson, Royal, and White Star Lines for America and Canada; Union-Castle Line for South Africa; Orient Line for Australia and New Zealand; P. & O. Line; New Zealand Shipping Coy.; Shaw Savill & Coy.; Royal Mail Steam Packet Coy., &c. Agents for issue of Railway Tickets to all parts; Home and Foreign Tours, &c.; for Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd.

Aird, J. L., Panmure street—for State Fire Insurance Coy., Ltd.; Equity and Law Life Assurance Society; Commercial Union Assurance Coy., Ltd.; Royal Insurance Coy., Ltd.; Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd.; Scottish Life Assurance Coy., Ltd.

Anderson, C. & W., St. Mary street—for Caledonian Insurance Coy. (Fire); Scottish Widows' Fund; and Phœnix Fire Insurance Coy.

Boulton, A., St. David street—for Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., and Liverpool Victoria Insurance Corporation, Ltd.

Brechin Equitable Co-operative Society—for Co-operative Insurance Society

Burnett, William, Montrose street—for the Scottish Legal Life Assurance Society

Cameron, J. & P., Railway Station—Carting Agents to N.B. Rly. Co.

Cuninghame, W. C., Clydesdale Bank—for the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, Scottish Temperance, Guardian and Yorkshire

Dalgetty, W., Montrose street—for Royal Liver Friendly Society

Elliot, Robert—for Caledonian Railway Coy.

Esplin, W., 67 Montrose St.,—for Singers' Sewing Machines.

Ferguson & Hood, Swan street—for the Bradbury Sewing Machines, Singers' Bicycles, etc.

Ferguson, F. A., Panmure street—for The Scottish Union and National

Insurance Co.; The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co.; Atlas Insurance Co.; Yorkshire Insurance Co.

Ferrier, C., Clydesdale Bank Buildings—N. B. & M. Insurance Co.; General Accident Insurance Co.; Century Insurance Co.; Royal Insurance Co.

Fleming, David, Union Bank Bldgs.—Treasurer Brechin Mutual Plate Glass Association

Ford, J. & W., 24 High street—for Stevenson Bros., Dyers & Cleaners, Dundee, and Empress Laundry, Dundee

Guthrie, David, & Sons, Swan street—for the Northern Assurance Co. (Fire and Life), and Scottish Provident (Life)

Guthrie, James, Swan street—for the Scottish Temperance (Life), Royal Insurance Coy. (Life and Fire); Caledonian Insurance Coy. (Life and Fire); London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company

Knowles, D. C., Martin's Lane—for Smith, Hood, & Co., Coal Mchnts.

Lamb, John, Swan street—for the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company

Milne, George, Swan street—for the Blaydon Manure Company

Pirie, J., Goods Station—for the N. B. Railway Company

Scott, James, Panmure street—for Scottish Amicable, Economic Life, and Caledonian Fire and Life Insurance Coy.; Cunard Steamship Coy.; Aberdeen Line to South Africa, &c.

Shepherd, Geo., Clerk street—for the Scot. Accident Insurance Co.; Equitable Fire Insurance Co.; Equitable Guarantee and Accident Co.; Standard Life Assurance Co.; The Insurance Company of Scotland; and Queen Fire and Life Insurance Company

Shiell, J. & D. G., St. David street—for the Scottish Union and National Fire Insurance Co.; Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society and Accident Assurance Company

Steel, Misses, 70 Market street—for Pullar & Sons, Dyers, Perth

Spalding, J., Park Road—for Prudential Assurance Coy.

Todd, John, Black Bull close—for Patent Heddles

Watt, D. M., 5 Union st.—for the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Coy.

Watt, William, & Son, 5 Union street—for the Royal Insurance Coy.; also House Agents

Will & Philip, Union Bank Bldgs.—for North British and Mercantile Insurance Coy.; Royal Insurance Coy.; English and Scottish Law Insurance Association; Century Insurance Company; and Scottish Amicable

Wordie & Co., Railway station—Carting Agents to Caledonian Railway Company

Iron Founders.

More & Dargie, Montrose street

Ironmongers.

Ferguson & Hood, Swan street
Napier, William, 21 High st.
Smith, John, Market street

Joiners and Cabinetmakers.

Barrie, J. Clerk street
Black, William, & Son, 20 Clerk st.
Bruce, R. J. & J., Southesk street
Cooper, D., Maisondieu lane
Davidson, A., 2 St. Andrew st.
Dures, James, Damacre road
Hebenton, W., Montrose street
Jamieson & Caird, 44 Union street
Ogilvie, George, 58 Montrose street
Watt, Wm., & Son, Union street

Local Publications.

Brechin Almanac & Directory (*The*), price 1d.—Published in Jany. by Black & Johnston, High st.

Brechin Advertiser (*The*), price 1d.—Published every Tuesday morning by D. H. Edwards, Black Bull close

Edwards' Brechin Almanac & Handbook, price 1d.—Published in December by D. H. Edwards, Black Bull close

Manufacturers (Power-Loom)

Duke, D. & R., Den Burn Works
Lamb & Scott, Ltd., Caldhame Works
Smart, J. & J., Valley Works

Manufacturer (Hand-Loom)

Dakers, David, 92 High street

Manure Merchants.

Brechin Agricultural & Trading Co., Ltd., Park road
Milne, George, Swan street

Medical Practitioners.

Adam, T. B., 37 Church street
Anderson, John, Park road
Cameron, H. F., Balgownie
Campbell, M., Westwood
Campbell, B. P., Panmure street
Leishman, Thomas, Castle street
Myles, Thomas P., 1 Castle street

Monumental Mason.

Davidson, Chas., Southesk street

Motor Car Dealers.

Davidson, John, Panmure street
Kay, H. C., 18-20 Clerk street
Milne, A., & Son, Clerk street
Simpson, A., & Son, Clerk Street

Musicsellers

BLACK & JOHNSTON, 40 High st.
Michie, J., Panmure street

Music Teachers.

Crabb, Miss, Clerk street
Farquhar, J., Bishop's close
Ferrier, Miss K., Southesk street
Gilchrist, M. M., Park Road
Hollingworth, J., Bank street
Knowles, Miss, Southesk street
Lamont, G. O., Southesk street

News Agents.

BLACK & JOHNSTON, 40 High st.
Alexander, William, St. David street
Bell, John, High street
Dutch, David, High street and St. Mary street
Hendry, William, Swan street
Paterson, Jas., 11 High street
Robertson, D. B., Montrose street

Newspaper Reporters.

Cumming, G., Panmure st.—*Dundee Courier*, *Weekly News*, *Telegraph and Post*, and *Scotsman*.
Hendry, J. C., Latch road — for *Dundee Advertiser* and *People's Journal*
Napier, George, 15a Union st.—for *Aberdeen Journal*
Watt, D. M., 5 Union street—for *Glasgow Herald* and *Aberdeen Free Press*

Opticians

Crockart, W., High street
Guthrie, George, Panmure street

Painters.

Bruce, Wm., Southesk street
Hutcheon, D. & J., St. David street
M'Intosh, D., Market st
Middleton, J. C., Swan street
Rae, Jas., High street
Young, John, Montrose street

Paper Makers.

Guthrie, Craig, Peter, & Co, Ltd., Brechin Paper Mills

Photographers.

Forrest, George, Damacre Road
Milne, A. C., Southesk street
Steele, J., Bank street

Picture-Frame Maker.

Dunn, J. M., Bank street

Plasterers.

Gibson, James, Clerk street
Thomson, C., East Bank

Plumbers and Gasfitters.

Edwards, James, Summerbank lane and Union street
Ferguson, J. H., & Co., Martin's lane
Kinnear, Jas., & Son, 27 Market st.
Kinnear, Robert, High street
Lammond Jas., & Son, 30 Market st.

Potato Merchants.

Allison, John, Commerce street
Barrie, Wm., The Latch
Duncan, J., Banks
Keyes, J., Little Brechin
Low, George, Trinity Park
Smith, David, River street
Smith, David, Jr., Montrose street

Printers.

BLACK & JOHNSTON, 40 High st.
Alexander, W. & D., 41 High street
Cumming, George, 30 Panmure st.
Edwards, D. H., *Brechin Advertiser* office

Rag Dealers.

Burns, Mrs, 27 River street
Hutton, A., High street
Meldrum & Co., City road
Stewart, David, Bridge street
Tosh, W., Wilson's park
Whitlaw, David, High street

Reedmaker.

Todd, John, Black Bull close

Refreshment Rooms.

Craigie, H., Union street
Gellatly, Jas., St. David street
Guiseppe, Vettese, Montrose street
Hutton, W., High street
Kidd, Mrs., High street
Laing, Mrs., Montrose street
Melvin, Mrs., High street
Milne, B. S., Montrose street
Mitchell, Miss, 46 High street
Smart, G., Park road
Smith, David, Jun., Montrose street
Valentine, Philip, Union street

Ropespinners.

Finlay, R. & A., Montrose street

Saddlers.

Davidson, J., 19 St. David street
Laurie, James, Panmure street

Seedsmen & Nurserymen.

Ferguson, W. H., Swan street
Henderson & Sons, Den nursery
Inglis, A. M., Clerk street
Small, David, 20 Swan street

Servants' Registry Offices.

Britcher, Miss, 30 Market street
Gardyne, Mrs., 14 Market street
Gibb, Miss, 59 High street
Herschell, Miss, High street
M'Laren, Mrs., St. James' place
Nicol, Miss, Somerville Dairy
Scott, Miss, Market street
Whitelaw, Miss, High street

Sheriff-Officer.

Watt, D. M., 5 Union street

Slaters.

Fraser, Wm., City road
Hampton, W., Damacre road
Scott, James, & Son, 48 Market st.

Solicitors.

Aird, J. L., Panmure street
Anderson, C. & W., St. Mary street
Ferguson, F. A., Panmure street
Ferrier, Charles, Panmure street
Jamieson, D., Swan street
Guthrie, T. Maule, Royal Bank
Scott, James, Panmure street
Shiell, J. & D. G., 14 St. David st.
Will & Philip, 11 Panmure st.

Tailors and Clothiers.

Beaton, M., The Corner
Birse, Mrs. John, 14—18 Swan street
Brechin United Co-Operative Society, Limited — High street and St. David street
Callander, Jas., 20 High street
Dear, David, 39 High street
Hodge, Son & Duncan, 4 Swan st.
Keith, Wm., Market street
Kidd, Chas., High street
Lindsay, J. C., 26 St. David street
Merry, George, Montrose street
Robertson, Jas., Montrose street
Robertson, W., High street
Smart, D. K., St. David street

Tea Merchants.

Anderson, John, & Son, 69 Market st.
Bell, John, High street
Laing, Mrs., Montrose street.
London and Newcastle Tea Coy., 87 High street
Mitchell, C., Market street
Smith, David, jun, Montrose street
Young, Mrs, City road

Tinsmiths.

Ferguson & Hood, Swan street
Fettis, J., Union street
Kinnear, Robert, 104 High street

Tobacconists.

Bell, J., High street
Duncan, Miss, Panmure street
Herschell, Miss, 32 High street
Lakie, Miss, Market street
Lyall, Ed., Montrose street
Macdonald, C., 8 Market street
Milne, M., St. Ninian's place
More, Miss M., Montrose street
Mudie, W., High street
Paterson, Jas., 11 High street
Smith, Miss M., High street
Smith, John, Panmure street
Spence, D., & Son, 8 Swan street
Stratton, G., 35 High street

Upholsterers.

Barrie, Jas., Clerk street
Black, W. & Son, 20 Clerk st.
Bruce, R. J., & J., Bank street
Cooper, D., Maisondieu lane
Davidson, A., 2 St. Andrew st.

Veterinary Surgeon.

McLaren, L., 50 City road

Watchmakers & Jewellers.

Clift, James, Market street
Duncan, J., 4 St. James' place
Guthrie, G., Panmure street
Hutchison, John, Union street
Mitchell, John, 20 High street
Moir, George, 36 St. David street
Sharples, A., Bridge street

General Directory.

Town Council.

WILLIAM FERGUSON, Provost and Chief Magistrate.
GEORGE HENDERSON, Senior Bailie.
HENRY CHALMERS CARGILL, Junior Bailie.
THOMAS MOIR, Dean of Guild; DAVID FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer;
DAVID DAKERS, Hospital-Master.
Councillors—David Dundas, George Monro Scott, Murdoch Beaton, David Matthew Watt, Alexander Stewart, John Paterson, Walter Muir Hendry.

COMMITTEES.

(*First named on each acts as Convener*)

Finance—The whole Council, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Convener.

Sub-Finance—Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Bailie Cargill.

Burgh Property and Charters—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Cargill, Dean of Guild Moir, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Hospital-Master Dakers, Councillor Beaton.

Casualties—Provost Ferguson, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Councillor Watt, and the Town Clerk.

Parliamentary Bills—Councillor Watt, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Bailie Cargill, Dean of Guild Moir, Councillor Scott, Councillor Paterson.

City Hall—Bailie Cargill, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Dean of Guild Moir, Councillors Watt and Hendry.

City Band—Councillor Scott, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Councillors Dundas and Beaton.

Bursaries—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Cargill, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, The Town Clerk.

Jubilee Park, Skating Pond, and Public Bowling Green—Councillor Paterson, Provost Ferguson, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Councillors Dundas, Scott, and Watt.

Water—Bailie Henderson, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Cargill, Dean of Guild Moir, Hospital-Master Dakers, Councillors Dundas and Paterson.

Sanitary and Cleansing—Councillor Beaton, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Dean of Guild Moir, Councillors Dundas, Scott and Stewart.

Watching Lighting and Fire Engine—Bailie Cargill, Provost Ferguson, Hospital-Master Dakers, Councillors Scott, Beaton, and Hendry.

Paving, Roads, and Improvements—Dean of Guild Moir, Provost Ferguson, Hospital-Master Dakers, Councillors Scott, Stewart, Paterson, and Hendry.

Sewage Farm—Councillor Dundas, Provost Ferguson, Bailie Cargill, Dean of Guild Moir, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Councillors Watt and Stewart.

Sale of Food and Drugs—Councillor Scott, Dean of Guild Moir, Councillors Beaton, Watt, Stewart, Paterson, and Hendry.

Dean of Guild Court—Dean of Guild Moir, Bailie Henderson, Hospital-Master Dakers, Councillors Watt and Hendry.

Burgh Licensing Court—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Bailie Cargill.

Representatives to Montrose Harbour Board—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Councillors Dundas and Beaton.

Representative to District Lunacy Board of Forfar and Kincardine—Provost Ferguson.

Representatives to Prison Committees—Perth, Bailie Henderson ; Dundee, Bailie Cargill.

Old Age Pensions—Local Committee, the whole Council—Provost Ferguson, Convener ; James Scott, Clerk.

To Forfarshire (Burghs) Licensing Appeal Court—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson.

To Forfarshire Territorial Force Association—Co-opted Member—The Town Clerk.

To Secondary Education Committee for Forfarshire—Hon. Treasurer Fleming.

To Forfar County Council under National Insurance Act, 1911—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Bailie Cargill, Councillor Watt ; to Finance Committee, Provost Ferguson, Councillor Watt ; to Committee of Management of Noranside Sanatorium, Councillor Watt.

To Central Charities Committee—Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Bailie Cargill, Hospital-Master Dakers.

Infectious Diseases Hospital Joint Committee.

From Burgh Local Authority—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Councillor Beaton.

From the County Local Authority—Messrs Wm. Smith, George Bean, and Andrew Lindsay.

Common Good Funds of the Burgh.

Estimated Funds at 15th May 1913	£50,232	18	6½
Debts and Obligations	25,863	6	1
Surplus at 15th May	£24,369	12	5½
Revenue for the year 1912-1913, was	£2,359	11	2
Expenditure for do. was	2,207	6	1
Balance for year to 15th May ...	£152	5	1

Property and Funds held in Trust for Education.

Black Bequest for Bursaries for young women. Property at Little Brechin, yielding yearly rental of £10.

Dakers' Bursary, for young men. Property at Poet's Lane, of the yearly rental of about £22. These two were founded by the late Mr D. D. Black, Town-Clerk.

Chalmers-Jervise Bequest, for two scholarships for a boy and a girl. Capital sum of £810, yielding about £26 yearly.

Fife Mortification—Yearly, £1 7s 9d.

Linton Medal Bequest, for providing Medal for Latin Classes in the Grammar School. Amount, £46 17s 6d ; yearly value, £2.

Mortification for Burgh Teacher—£600: yearly value, now paid to School Board, £30.

Endowment for Rector of Grammar School—Value, £177 15s; yearly £8 17s 8d.

The above-mentioned Bursaries are in the presentation of the Council.

Hospital Funds

These are valued at £1604 16s 11d, and during 1912-1913, yielded	£94	10	0
And the payments to pensioners on the Fund and expenses amounted to	81	13	0
Leaving a surplus for the period of	£12	17	0

Public Library

Sum presented to the town by an Anonymous Donor for the Endowment of the Public Free Library £2000 0 0

Mr R. M'Leilan, Chairman; William Manning, Clerk and Librarian.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

From the Council—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Cargill, Dean of Guild Moir, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, Councillors Dundas and Watt. *From the Electors*—Messrs Robert M'Lellan, James Miller, John Thomson, J. C. Hendry, John Joe, and James Taggart.

Bequests on behalf of the Poor of the Parish of Brechin (not in Receipt of Parochial Relief)

Gardner Bequest, by the late Rev. Alexander Gardner, of the Cathedral Church—Capital sum, £4000; yearly value, about £80. Provost, Treasurer, and Hospital-Master of Brechin, Trustees.

Black Bequest, by the late Mr Alex. Black, of the firm of Black & Johnston, Booksellers—Capital sum, £1000; yearly value, about £30. Kirk-Session of Brechin, Trustees.

Duke Bequest, by the late Miss Duke, of Eskpark—Capital sum, £500.

Craig Bequest by the late Mr James Craig, Town Clerk of Brechin, being residue of estate, and valued at £3750, the annual income therefrom to be divided among the poor of the town not in receipt of Parochial relief, deserving widows with young families to have a preference.

Burgh Officials

Town Clerk, T. M. Guthrie; Depute Town Clerk, A. A. Ogilvie; Police Clerk, James Scott; Chief Constable, Sanitary Inspector, &c., David Smart; Inspector of Markets, L. M'Laren, V.S.; Inspector of Works and Water, William Eggie; Police Treasurer, Collector, and Town Chamberlain, Ed. W. Mowat; Town Officer, Drummer, Collector of Petty Customs, &c., John C. Stewart; Public Steelyard, St. Ninian's Place, John Hardie, Weigher; Inspector of Weights and Measures, David Murray; Burgh Assessor, D. J. Carnegy; Medical Officer and Police Surgeon, Dr. Norman J. Sinclair; Burgh Analyst, G. D. Macdougald, F.I.C.; Manager

of Sewage Farm, Andrew Steel; Keeper of Public Shambles, Wm. Law; Keeper of Public Park, Public Bowling Green, and Skating Pond, James Ferrier; Auditor of Burgh Accounts, Wm. R. Kydd, C.A., Dundee; Washing-House and Baths, Joseph Smith, Lessee.

Police Court

Ordinary Court held in the Burgh Court-Room every Wednesday, when necessary, at 10 o'clock, and oftener when there is business. Judges, the Provost and Magistrates; Procurator-Fiscal, David Smart; Assessor, James Scott.

Dean of Guild Court

Meets in the Burgh Court-Room on the second and last Mondays of each month at 11 o'clock forenoon.

Burgh Licensing Court

For the granting and renewal of Hotel, Public-House, and Grocers' Certificates. Held on the second Tuesday of April and third Tuesday of October within the Burgh Court-Room. Court—Provost Ferguson, Bailie Henderson and Bailie Cargill; Assessor, T. M. Guthrie.

Justice of Peace Small Debt Court

Held in the Burgh Court-Room on the first Wednesday of each month at 12 o'clock noon. Clerk-Depute, Alexander Philip; Procurator-Fiscal, William Anderson.

Sheriff Small Debt Court

Held in the Burgh Court-Room on the third Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September, and November, at 11 a.m. Clerk-Depute, Alexander Philip.

Fire Engine

Engine House, Southesk Street. Keys at Police Station, Bank Street; Captain, William Eggie. Fire Alarm, Police Office, Municipal Buildings.

Stamp and Tax Office

William Johnston, Sub-Distributor and Sub-Collector of Taxes, 40 High Street.

Inland Revenue

Excise Office—Gallowhill—G. H. Lawrence, Surveyor. North Port Distillery—P. Crowley, Officer, W. J. Bisset, Officer. Glencadam Distillery—W. A. Boulton Officer.

Local Colportage Society

Treasurer, Mrs. Jas. Bruce; Secretaries Rev. R. Paisley, Careston, and Rev. J. M. Hunter, Brechin; John Gwler, Colporteur.

Brechin Parish Council

Chambers, 32 Panmure Street. Chas. S. O. Mills; Inspector. Office Hours, 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. ; Saturdays, 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Mr David Duke, Chairman ; Mr A. C. Robertson, Vice-Chairman, BURGHAL WARD—David Duke, Manufacturer ; Miss Lucretia S. Duke ; George Henderson, Billposter ; Alfred O'Neil, Clerk ; Mrs. Elizabeth Coupar ; Charles Davidson, Sculptor ; Rev. Alex. Duncanson Macleod ; David Smith Barrie, Clerk ; James Williamson Addison ; James Scott Lindsay, Draper ; James Dures, Joiner ; William Dalgetty, Collector. LANDWARD—Messrs Archibald Allison, Robert Barron, James Carnegie, Alex. C. Robertson, Jas. Todd.

COMMITTEES.

Law and Finance—All the members of the Parish Council. Mr. Alfred O'Neil, Convener.

Almshouse—All the members of the Parish Council. Miss L. S. Duke, Convener.

Cemetery—All the members of the Parish Council. Mr James S. Lindsay, Convener.

Landward Committee—Mr A. C. Robertson, Chairman. Representative to District Committee, Mr Jas. Carnegie. Clerk, Mr Chas. S. O. Mills.

Relief Committee—Whole Council.

Registrar's Office

32 Panmure Street. Chas. S. O. Mills, Registrar ; William Peat, Assistant. Hours—11 a.m. till 2 p.m. ; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12 noon ; Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, 6 till 8 p.m.

Notice of a birth requires to be given to the Registrar within twenty-one days after its occurrence ; of a marriage within three days after the celebration ; of a death, within seven days after the event, and before the interment. Along with the registration of a birth, the date of the marriage of the parents must be given. Penalty for neglect, £5. Parents or guardians must lodge with the Registrar, within six months from the birth of the child, a certificate of vaccination or a form of declaration, signed before a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, that they conscientiously believe that vaccination would be prejudicial to the health of the child.

Parochial Assessments

BURGH—Poor Rate—As Owner, at 6½d per £ ; as Tenant, at 8d per £. School Rate—As Owner, at 10½d per £ ; as Tenant, at 11½d per £. Burial Ground—As Owner, ¾d per £ ; as Tenant, 1d per £. Registration—As Owner, ¼d per £ ; as Tenant, ¼d per £.

LANDWARD—Poor Rate—Owners, 6½d per £ ; Tenants, 8d per £. School Rate—Owners, 3d per £ ; Tenants, 4d per £. Burial Ground—Owners, ¾d per £ ; Tenants, 1d per £. Registration—Owners, ¼d per £ ; Tenants, ¼d per £.

Police and other Assessments

General Purposes, 11d per £ and Library, 1d per £ on Occupiers. Roads and Bridges—Owners, 4d per £ ; Tenants, 4d per £. Water Supply—Owners, 1d per £ ; Tenants, 1d per £. Sewers—Owners, 3d per £ ; Tenants,

3d per £. Valuation and Registration—Owners, ¼d per £ ; Tenants, ¼d per £. Sanitary and Joint Hospital—Owners, 1½d per £ ; Tenants, 1½d per £. Public Park—Owners, 1d per £ ; Tenants, 1d per £.

Office—Municipal Buildings. Ed. W. Mowat, Treasurer and Collector. Hours of attendance—from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m., and from 6 to 8 evening ; Saturdays, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.

District Schools and Teachers

Aldbar	A. C. Robertson, F.E.I.S.
Arrat	Miss Muckart
Careston	H. M. Rodgers
Edzell	Jas. Hood
Farnell	W. S. Lothian
Fern	J. Miller
Lethnot	Wm. Paterson
Little Brechin	Charles Richard
Lochlee	Sam. Cruickshanks
Logie-Pert	George Porteous
Menmuir	Robert Grimm
Stracathro	James M. Mills
Waterside	Miss I. Black

Schools and Teachers

Brechin High School (Secondary Department)—Rector, James Taggart, M.A., B.Sc.; Classical Master, James Milne, M.A. ; Mathematical and Science Master, James Taggart ; Modern Languages, John S. M'Alley ; Assistants, Robert B. Lyall, Miss Wallis, M.A., M. T. Higgins, Miss Mary Ewing, and Miss M. M'Alley, (Preparatory Department), Miss Mitchell and Miss Sybil Elliot, M.A.

Damacre Road School—Headmaster, Robert M'Lellan, F.E.I.S. ; Assistants, George A. Ross, Misses Jane Bruce, Bessie F. Mitchell, Marjory D. Barty, Edith Colville, R. Elliot, Mary T. Fullerton, Mina C. Bruce, and Helen A. Stephen.

Bank Street School—Headmaster, J. D. Ross ; Assistants, Thomas Blyth, M.A., Misses A. Hampton, Agnes Ferrier, A. H. Willocks, Jessie Scott, A. B. Mitchell, Mary McKinney. and Elsie C. McLellan.

Tenements School—Headmaster, R. A. Scott, M.A. ; Assistants, Alan MacCullie, Misses Christina Grimm, Jessie W. Soutar, Kate A. Myles, A. Whitlaw, Jeanie Duncan, Elizabeth Hay, Ida G. Whitlaw, E. Lowrie, M.A., and Mrs. E. Kinghorn.

Evening Continuation Classes—Headmaster, Geo. A. Ross.

Cookery and Laundry School (Union Street)—Miss Cumming and Miss Knowles.

Art Master—F. H. Sangster.

Music Master—Geo. D. Lamont, A.R.C.O.

Master of Method—Junior Students, Brechin Centre—Robt. M'Lellan, Damacre Road School.

Compulsory Officer and Drill Instructor—James Neish.

Kindergarten School—St. Andrew's Lane—Misses Sievwright.

Bursaries

Smith Brothers' Bursaries—Founded in 1878 by Messrs John Smith and Peter Smith, of Andover, Mass., U.S.A., natives of Brechin. Funds yield about £129 annually. Governors, Burgh School Board—To be applied for the purpose of enabling the children of persons of limited means, who are receiving their education at the public schools in the Burgh and parish of Brechin, to receive higher education at any Secondary School, Normal School, or University, or at any School where higher education is given, approved of by the Patrons. Examinations held in June, and Bursaries awarded in October.

Black Bequest—Town Council, Patrons. Founded by the late Mr D. D. Black, to provide an annual Bursary or Scholarship for assisting any young woman or young women in pursuing her or their studies at any Literary or Scientific Institution or Seminary proper for trade or profession such young woman has in view. Open to young women who, for five consecutive years immediately previous to appointment, have been resident in any one or more of the following parishes, viz. :—Brechin, Lochlee, Lethnot, Navar, Edzell, Stracathro, Menmuir, Fern, Farnell. Value of Bursary, about £10. The same young woman may be presented from year to year, but not exceeding five years. Patronage to be exercised as near the 3rd of July as convenient.

Dakers' Bursary—Town Council, Patrons. Also founded by the late Mr D. D. Black. Proceeds to be applied by the Council in providing a Bursary or Scholarship tenable by young men, and the conditions being—1st, That the Bursar must have been for three years at least educated at the Brechin Grammar School; 2nd, That the Bursary may be applied in assisting him in pursuing his studies at any University, as well as at a Literary or Scientific Institution or Seminary; and 3rd, That it is not necessary that the Bursar has resided in any particular parish, but only that he is a native of Great Britain. Annual Income, about £26.

Dall's Bequest—The minister and elders of the West United Free Church, Brechin, Endowment Trustees of the late Mr James Dall, authorised to apply income of Trust in assisting to educate young men for the ministry of the United Free Church of Scotland. Parties to have preference—1st, Of the Testator's own kindred; 2nd, Of the name of Dall; and 3rd, Natives—father resident in the parish of Brechin for not less than five years.

Chalmers-Jervise Bequest—Town Council, Patrons. Founded by the late Mr Andrew Jervise for the purpose of providing two Scholarships, each to be tenable for four years by a boy and a girl respectively—whether Roman Catholic or any other persuasion—whose ages shall not be under 9 nor above 12 last birthday, and who shall have been educated at some male or female School within the town or parish of Brechin, the children of deceased parents and widows having a preference—those of parents having an annual income of £75 and upwards being excluded. The election to the scholarship is in every case confined to the boy or girl who shall stand highest for good conduct and scholarship on the joint report of the Teacher and the School Inspector. Annual Income, about £20.

Murray Bequest—Trustees authorised by the late Mr Alexander Murray to pay out of the income from his estate such sum as they may deem proper to assist young men, natives of the parish of Brechin, in prosecuting their studies at any of the Colleges of Scotland.

M'Cosh Bursary—Patrons, East United Free Church, Brechin. Founded in 1893 by President M'Cosh, of Princetown, for the purpose of assisting any young man of good moral character, connected with the congregation, in prosecuting his studies for the ministry of the United Free Church of Scotland. Capital sum, £250.

Brechin Branch Operative Tailors' Society

President, M. Currie ; Treasurer, J. Stewart ; Secretary, John Bushnell, Damacre Road.

School Boards

Burgh—Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison, Chairman ; Messrs D. Jamieson, J. C. Robertson, George Cumming, Rev. H. C. Cargill, Messrs James Scott, and M. B. Lamb. J. S. Kinghorn, Clerk ; William Anderson, Treasurer ; James Neish, Officer.

Landward—Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison, Chairman. Messrs James Carnegie, Arrat ; Geo. J. Doig, Middle Drums ; John B. McNab of Keithock ; Alex. Philip, Clerk and Treasurer.

Cemetery, &c.

New Cemetery, Southesk Street—Opened 1857. C. S. O. Mills, Treasurer ; Frank Gray, Keeper.

Kirkyard, Cathedral—A. Philip, Clerk and Treasurer.

Magdalen Chapel, Montrose Road—Interments rare.

Brechin Victoria Nursing Association

Hon. President, the Countess of Dalhousie ; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Mrs Adamson, Careston, Mrs Jas. Guthrie, and Miss Duke, Bearehill ; President, James Guthrie ; Vice-Presidents, David Duke and Rev. Dr Coats ; Joint Secretaries, Mrs Hutchison, The Manse, and Miss L. S. Duke, Bearehill ; Hon. Treasurer, James Scott, Solicitor, 14 Panmure Street ; Hon. Auditor, J. L. Aird, Solicitor ; Nurses, Misses M. and I. Newlands.

Brechin Gas Company, Limited

Directors—James Guthrie, Chairman ; David Dakers, Vice-Chairman ; William Johnston, James Scott, D. W. Galloway ; Secretary, T. M. Guthrie, Solicitor ; Manager, Collector, and Treasurer, Allan Reid.

Session Clerks

Brechin Parish (Cathedral)—Robt. M'Lellan, Garnock House, Pearse Street. East Parish—R. Oswald, Glebe House. Gardner Memorial—Rev. Al. Middleton, B.D., The Manse, Pearse Street

Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds

Maisondieu Lodge, 041.—Instituted in 1884. Meets in Masonic Hall on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30. T. Pender, W.M. ; A. E. Samson, Secretary ; J. M'Nab, Treasurer.

Juvenile Branch—Committee—A. Milne, P. Watson Watt, A. O'Neil ; A. E. Samson, Secretary.

Ancient Order of Foresters

Court Brechin Castle, No. 6950—Meets in Temperance Hall on alternate Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Jas. Morgan, C.R.; J. S. Irvine, Secretary; H. L. Dewars, Treasurer.

Ancient Free Gardeners

Southesk Lodge, No. 205—David Dakes, W.M.; R. Henderson, Ann Terrace, Secretary; John Bruce, Assistant Secretary; Leith Duncan, Treasurer.

Caledonian Order of United Oddfellows

Catterthun Lodge, No. 29—Meets in Temperance Hall every alternate Friday—W.M., F. Mann; Treasurer, A. Dow; Secretary, Fergus Reid, 194 Montrose Street; Check Secretary, Alex. Fawns.

Clubs.

Lawn Tennis—BRECHIN—Court, Park Road. Hon. Presidents, Ex-Provost Scott and Mr. D. Duke; President, Ex-Provost Guthrie; Vice-President and Secretary, G. M Scott; Treasurer, J. W. Henderson.

Angling Club—Patron, Earl of Dalhousie; Hon. Presidents, Christopher Wood and D. G. Shiell; President, W. Anderson; Vice-President, E. W. Mowat; Secretary and Treasurer, D. Dutch, High Street. Competitions in April, June, and July.

Bowling Club—Instituted 1869—President, Allan Reid; Vice-President, David Fleming; Secretary, A. H. Robertson; Treasurer, Andrew Wallace; Curator, J. C. Robertson.

Public Bowling Club—Instituted 1908—Patroness, Mrs R. W. Duke, Patron, Right Hon. Earl of Dalhousie; Hon. President, D. Duke; Chairman, John Paterson; Presidents, Ex-Bailie Dakers and Jas. Lyon; Treasurer, D. Binnie; Secretary, J. Lindsay.

Golf Clubs—Artisan Club—Hon. President, The Earl of Dalhousie; President, Ex-Provost Guthrie; Vice-President G. M. Scott; Captain, D. Thomson; Vice-Captain, J. F. Lammond; Secretary, J. Philip, Montrose Street; Treasurer, Alexander Stewart.

Ladies Golf Club—Captain, Miss Cuninghame; Vice-Captain, Miss Ferrier-Mitchell; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss B. F. Mitchell.

Trinity Golf Club—President, David Murray; Captain, C. Ferrier; Vice-Captain, Charles Richard; Secy. and Treas., Wm. Law.

City Club—Mechanics' Institution Buildings. Chairman, J. C. Robertson; Secretary and Treasurer, F. A. Ferguson; Committee—Messrs J. C. Robertson, C. Ferrier, J. S. Melrose, and J. Mitchell. Keeper—W. Davis.

Liberal Club—Hon. Presidents, Right Hon. The Lord Morley and R. V. Harcourt, M.P.; President, John Lamb; Vice-Presidents, James Guthrie, D. Duke, Ex-Provost Guthrie; Secretary and Treasurer, C. Ferrier; Committee, Messrs T. Moir, and D. M. Watt.

Eastern District of Forfarshire Horse Club—President, Right Hon. The Earl of Dalhousie; Secretary and Treasurer, D. Arnot, Mains, Edzell

Brechin Burns Club—Instituted March, 1894. Hon. Presidents, D. H. Edwards and Ex-Provost Scott; President, Ex-Bailie Anderson; Vice-President, Chas. Thomson; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, F. C. Anderson.

New Club—Argyle Street. Jas. Smart, President; H. P. Gordon, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee—G. Shepherd, David Lamb, and Geo. A. Scott. Club Keeper, Mrs J. Black.

Cricket Club—Brechin—Patrons, The Right Hon. The Earl of Southesk, The Right Hon. The Earl of Dalhousie, J. Carnegy Arbuthnott, Esq., W. Shaw Adamson, Esq., Patrick Chalmers, Esq., and Christopher Wood, Esq.; Hon. Presidents, G. A. Scott and G. M. Scott; Captain, C. Ferrier; Vice-Captain, D. W. Galloway; Secretary and Treasurer R. C. Laing; Ground—Nursery Park. *Second Eleven*—Captain, D. Dakers; Vice-Captain, Ronald Gordon; Secretary. D. Dakers.

Football Clubs—Brechin City—President, Charles Smith; Vice-President, W. Oram; Treasurer, P. Mackay; Secretary, Geo. Cumming. *Hearts*—Secretary, D. Macfarlane, *Wednesday Half-Holiday*—Secretary, James Clark.

Yearly Societies.

Bridge Street Benefit Yearly Society—Meets at 12 Bridge Street, on Monday evenings from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. President, W. Ross; Secretary and Treasurer, Jas. Steel. Breaks up at end of December.

Union Street Deposit and Friendly Yearly Society—Money deposited every Friday evening, from 7 to 8.15 o'clock, at the Society's Rooms, Union Street. President, Gordon Forbes; Secretary, James M'Nab; Treasurer, W Thomson.

South Port Deposit and Friendly Yearly Society—Money deposited every Friday evening from 7 to 8.15 o'clock, in the Society's Rooms, 12 Bridge Street. President, John Forbes; Secretary, John Sandeman; Treasurer, John Shand.

The Brechin Building Trades' Yearly Society—Meetings in Temperance Hall every Friday evening, from 7 to 8.15 o'clock. President, A. Burns; Secretary, John Coupar, Jr.; Treasurer, G. Findlay.

Shoemakers' Deposit Society—President, J. Fyfe; Secretary, John Paterson; Treasurer, R. C. Whyte.

United Operative Plumbers' Association of Scotland.

Secretary and Treasurer for Brechin Members, T. Edwards.

Incorporated Trades

Guildry Incorporation—Incorporated 1666. The interest of the invested money of this body is spent in Pensions to decayed Members and Widows of decayed Members. Dean, Jas. Guthrie; Treasurer and Fiscal, T. Maule Guthrie; Clerk, W. Anderson. Funds, fully £900.

Young Men's Christian Association

Instituted 1866. Meets in the Institute, Bank Street. Hon. Presidents, James Guthrie and T. M. Guthrie ; Presidents, Hon. Treasurer Fleming, J. S. Melrose, and John Gordon ; Secretary, A. J. Hutcheon ; Treasurer, Robert Taylor ; Librarian and Hallkeeper, Robert Gold.

Young Women's Christian Association

Instituted 1880. Meets in the Association Rooms, Southesk Street. Hon. President, Mrs Don, Maulesden ; Secretary, Mrs Bruce, Park Road ; Assistant Secretary, Miss Neish, Union Street ; Treasurer, Miss Moir, City Road ; Literature Secretary, Miss Cobb, Market Street ; Organist, Miss A. Cameron.

British Women's Temperance Association

Hon. Presidents, Mrs Don, Maulesden, and Mrs James Guthrie ; President, Mrs James Bruce ; Vice-Presidents, Mrs P. W. Watt and Miss Gardiner ; Secretary, Miss Gardiner, Latch ; Treasurer, Miss Kate McDonald ; Roll-keeper, Mrs Duke, Bearehill Garage ; Magazine Secretary, Mrs. Christison.

"*Y*" *Branch*—President, Mrs Bruce ; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Loudon, City Road U.F. Manse, and Mrs Hunter, Maisondieu U.F. Manse ; Secretary, Miss Laing ; Roll-keepers, Miss Hutcheon and Miss Strachan ; Treasurer, Miss Ritchie ; Badge Superintendent, Miss Ross ; Organist, Miss Hutcheon.

Temperance Societies.

Total Abstinence Society—President, Mr D. M. Watt ; Vice-President, Mr P. W. Watt ; Secretary, Mr J. B. Todd, 10 Smith's Lane ; Hallkeeper, Mr J. Stewart ; Treasurer, Mr G. Guthrie ; Registrar, Mr George A. Moir, 36 St David Street. Directors—Messrs G. M. Aitken, David Lowe, James Nairn, James Wallace, Mrs Christison, and Mrs P. W. Watt.

East U.F. Church Temperance Society—President, Rev. E. T. Thomson ; Vice-President, Mr Jas. Guthrie, J.P. ; Secretary and Treasurer, ——— ; Committee, Messrs Jas. Christison, J. C. Middleton, and James Scott.

East U.F. Church Band of Hope—Superintendents, John Owler and G. Martin ; Secretary, John Paterson.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Scottish Branch—Hon. President, The Right Hon. the Countess of Dalhousie ; Hon. Vice-President, Mrs Don, Maulesden ; President, The Provost of Brechin (*ex officio*) ; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Charles Ferrier, solicitor ; Committee, Mrs J. B. Don, Maulesden ; Mrs Coats, Mrs A. D. Tait Hutchison, Miss L. S. Duke, Mrs David Duke, Miss McNab, Miss J. Lamb, Miss Smart, Miss Melrose, Miss Don, Mr T. Maule Guthrie, Rev. Walter W. Coats, D.D., Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison, and Dr T. B. Adam, Church Street.

League of Pity

Brechin Castle Associate Circle—Hon. President, The Right Hon. The Countess of Dalhousie; President, Mrs Don; Treasurer, Miss Melrose; Secretary, Miss Peter, Oak Bank

Children's Branch—Secretary, Mrs. David Duke, Esk Park.

Ornithological Society

President, Geo. Davidson; Vice-President, John Craig; Secretary and Treasurer, George Mitchell; Assistant Secretary, W. Aikenhead.

Horticultural Society

Reformed in September 1898. Hon. Presidents, James Guthrie and D. Duke; President, Ex-Provost Beaton; Secretary, R. S. Quarry; Treasurer, James Oswald.

Public Park

Park Road. Open during Summer months from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. From sunrise to sunset during Winter, and from 1 p.m. on Sabbath. Curators—Earl of Dalhousie, G. A. Scott, John Lamb, D. Spence, Charles Davidson, F. A. Ferguson, Bailie Henderson, Councillors Moir and Paterson; Hon. Secretary, T. Maule Guthrie, Town Clerk.

Jubilee Park

Duke Bequest—Sum of £500 bequeathed by the late Robert Duke, Esq. of Bearehill, the annual income from which to be applied for the upkeep of the Victoria Jubilee Park.

Public Halls

City Hall, Swan Street—John Stewart, keeper.
Mechanics' Hall—Wm. Davis, keeper.
Temperance Hall, City Road—Jas. Stewart, keeper.
Masonic Hall, Church Street—A. Paton, keeper.
Young Men's Christian Association, Bank Street—Robert Gold, keeper.
Drill Hall, Bank Street—Col-Sergt. Arthur, keeper.
Parish Church Hall—A. Bruce, keeper.
St. Andrew's Episcopal—D. Dewar, keeper.
St. Ninian's Hall, Market Street—Jas. Oswald, keeper.
Maisondieu Hall—Jas. Neish, keeper.
Rechabite Hall—Miss Milne, keeper.

Literary Societies

Brechin Literary Society—President, T. M. Guthrie; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Taggart, M.A., Charles Davidson, and D. Murray; Treasurer, Andrew Wallace; Secretary, David Fleming, solicitor. Meets alternate Fridays in Mechanics' Institute.

South Port Mutual Improvement Society—Open every day from 7 a.m. till 10 p.m. Business Meeting on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. President, Jas. Dures; Vice-President, D. Thomson; Secretary, W. Dalgetty, Treasurer, A. Dewars; Finance Secretary, Jas. Law; Hallkeeper, D. Thomson.

Montrose Street Mutual Improvement Society and Reading Room—Open daily. Business meeting, Monday evenings, at 8 o'clock. President, Jas. Dakers; Vice-President, John Scott; Secretary, James Philip; Treasurer, David Porter; Financial Secretary, A. Craig.

District Clergy List

		ORDAINED
Rev.	David Nelson, M.A., Established Church, Aberlemno	1905
,,	*Vacancy* Established Church, Dun	
,,	Ivo M. Clark, M.A., B.D., Established Church, Farnell	1912
,,	James Goodlet Robertson, Established Church, Lethnot	1905
,,	Robert C. Mitchell, Established Church, Fern	1898
,,	Brodie S. Gilfillan, B.D., Established Church, Tannadice	1908
,,	J. D. M'Lean, M.A., B.D., Established Church, Maryton	1899
,,	Walter W. Coats, D.D., Established Church (Cathedral) Brechin	1880
,,	A. D. Tait Hutchison, Established Church (Cathedral), Brechin	1893
,,	A. Middleton, B.D., Gardner Memorial Church	1892
,,	James Landreth, Established Church, Logie-Pert	1876
,,	Robert Paisley, Established Church, Careston	1883
,,	Wm. Newlands, Established Church, Stracathro	1900
,,	H. C. Cargill, Established Church (East), Brechin	1905
,,	David Williamson, Established Church, Edzell	1905
,,	J. Stewart, Established Church, Lochlee	1885
,,	D. A. Vipont, Established Church, Menmuir	1895
,,	John Fraser, West U.F. Church, Brechin	1865
,,	James Paterson, colleague and successor, West U.F. Church	1902
,,	Wm. Loudon, City Road U.F. Church, Brechin	1907
,,	R. Workman Orr, Bank Street U.F. Church, Brechin	1863
,,	A. D. McLeod, M.A., colleague and successor, Bank Street U.F. Church	1910
,,	Edmund T. Thomson, East U.F. Church, Brechin	1891
,,	J. M. Hunter, M.A., Maison Dieu U.F. Church, Brechin	1909
,,	T. C. Sturrock, U.F. Church, Edzell	1891
,,	A. Monro, U.F. Church, Menmuir	1898
,,	J. Paul, U.F. Church, Lochlee	1890
,,	A. L. Roberton, U.F. Church, Logie Pert	1876
,,	John M. Shaw, M.A., colleague and successor, Logie Pert U.F. Church	1909
,,	W. A. Mitchell, U.F. Church, Muirton	1870
,,	John M. Craig, U.F. Church, Memus	1886
,,	J. Haggart Clark, U.F. Church, Aberlemno	1901
,,	Alexander Mitchell, E.U. Church, Brechin	1881
,,	K. L. Reid, Scotch Episcopal Church, Brechin	——
,,	W. Presslie Scotch Episcopal Church, Lochlee	1869

Bank Offices

Bank Hours, 10 till 3; Saturdays, 10 till 12.

British Linen Bank, Clerk Street—Geo. Shepherd, agent.

Clydesdale Bank, Panmure Street—W. C. Cuninghame, agent.

National Bank of Scotland, St. David Street—D. G. Shiell, agent; A. Wallace, sub-agent.

Royal Bank of Scotland, Swan Street—David Guthrie & Sons, agents.

Union Bank of Scotland, Swan Street—M. B. Lamb and Alex. Philip, agents.

Good Templar Lodges

Hope of Angus Lodge—Meets in the Union Street Hall, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Lodge Deputy, Jas. Bruce.

Hope of Brechin Juvenile Lodge—Meets in the Temperance Hall, every Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock. T. B. Todd, supt.

Pride of the Esk, No. 1023—Meets in the Rechabite Hall, on Tuesdays at 8 o'clock. Lodge Deputy, Jas. Burnett.

Instrumental Bands

Brechin City Brass Band—Meets for practice in Band Hall, Bridge Street, every Monday and Thursday at 8 o'clock p.m. A. Hutton, Bandmaster.

Highland Reel and Strathspey Society—Meets for practice every Monday night, in Temperance Hall. President and Conductor, D. Low; Secretary and Treasurer, A. Hutcheon.

Hollingworth's Band—Leader, J. Hollingworth.

Kean's Quadrille Band—Leader, F. Kean.

Rae's Quadrille Band—Leader, Jas. Rae.

Select Choir

President, J. E. Robertson; Secretary and Treasurer, H. Crighton; Conductor, W. J. Farquhar; Assistant Conductor, A. Rankin; Pianist, Miss Knowles.

Amateur Musical Society

President, Dr Anderson; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, ———— Conductor, Geo. Lamont, A.R.C.O.

Local Carriers

Montrose—W. Smith, Damacre Road - -	Daily except Thursday
Careston—John Milne - - - -	Friday

Brechin and District Poultry and Pigeon Society

President, John Melrose; Treasurer, John Christie.

Photographic Association

President, Wm. Shaw Adamson, Esq. of Careston; Vice-Presidents, T. M. Guthrie and J. D. Ross; Secretary, D. M. Watt; Treasurer, Alf. R. Keay; Curator, G. A. Moir; Lanternist, A. Colville.

International Ploughmen's Society of Scotland

Brechin Branch—President, John Irons; Secretary, Charles Strachan; Treasurer, Wm. Petrie. Meets on second Saturdays of June, September, December, and March.

Mill and Factory Workers' Union

Hon. President, John C. Hendry ; Treasurer, J. Watson ; Secretary, G. Napier ; Collector, D. Craig.

Places of Worship

Cathedral Parish Church (First Charge) - Rev. W. W. Coats, D.D.
Do. (Second Charge) Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison, M.A.
East Parish Church, City Road - - - - Rev. H. C. Cargill
Gardner Memorial Church, Southesk Street . Rev. A. Middleton, B.D.
West U.F. Church, Church Street - - - - Rev. John Fraser
Colleague and successor, Rev. James Paterson, M.A.
East U.F. Church, Panmure Street - - - Rev. E. T. Thomson
Bank Street U.F. Church - - - - - Rev. R. Workman Orr
Colleague and successor, Rev. A. D. McLeod, M.A.
City Road do. - - - - - Rev. Wm. Loudon
Maisondieu do. - - - - Rev. J. M. Hunter, M.A.
Scotch Episcopal Church, Argyll Street - - - Rev. K. L. Reid
E.U. Church, Southesk Street - - - Rev. Alexander Mitchell
Church of the Holy Trinity (R.C.) St. Andrew Street - - - - - - - - - Visiting Priest

Brechin Agricultural and Trading Company, Limited

Directors—James Guthrie, D. G. Shiell, John Lamb, Alexr. Philip, and J. B. McNab; Secretary, T. M. Guthrie ; Manager, Alexander Gray ; Traveller, Arthur Jarron ; Cashier, J. A. Udle.

Co-Operative Societies

United Co-Operative Society, Limited—President, A. O'Neil ; Secretary, Geo. Fyfe ; Cashier, Jas. Forrest ; Manager, Frederick McLeod. Office —73 High Street. Grocery Branches—29 River Street, 65 Montrose Street, 1 Witchden Road, South Port, 1 St. David Street, and Southesk Street, Shoemaking Department—High Street. Tailoring, Millinery, and Drapery Departments—5 and 7 St David Street and High Street. Bakehouses—Montrose Street. Coal Department—Railway Station.

Independent Labour Party

President, John Murray; Secretary, Helen Lindsay, 84 Market Street; Treasurer, Wm. Dalgetty.

Red Cross Society

Vice-President for Brechin District, Provost Ferguson ; District Secretary, Fred. A. Ferguson, solicitor. Women's Detachment—Commandant, Miss M'Nab, Keithock; Quartermaster, Miss L. S. Duke, Bearehill; Lady Superintendent, Miss Nettie Lamb, The Latch.

City Improvements Association

President, Bailie Henderson; Vice-President, Ex-Provost Beaton; Secretary, F. A. Ferguson, solicitor ; Treasurer, D. Jamieson, solicitor.

Scottish Farm Servants' Union

Brechin District Branch—Secretary, Wm. Matthew, West Ballochy.

Brechin Unionist Association

Hon. President, John B. Don of Maulesden ; Hon. Vice-Presidents, The Earl of Southesk and the Earl of Dalhousie ; John B. McNab of Keithock ; Patrick Chalmers, of Aldbar ; Captain Scott Erskine of Balhall ; Ex-Provost Scott and Captain Hew Blair-Imrie, Forebank ; Chairman, Ex-Bailie Murray ; Vice-Chairmen Provost Ferguson, D. G. Shiell, Wm. Johnston, jun., and J. S. Lindsay ; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, David Fleming, solicitor, Union Bank Buildings.

Mechanics' Institution

Instituted 1825. President, D. Duke ; Vice-President, Rev. W. W. Coats, D.D. ; Treasurer, Andrew Wallace ; Secretary, M. B. Lamb ; Keeper and Librarian, Wm. Davis.

Tickets of Membership—Apprentices and those under 15 years, 1s 6d ; Artisans, 2s ; all others, 3s per annum — to be had at the Library. Library hours—Mondays, 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. ; other days, from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. ; and 6 to 9 p.m.

The Directors have at their disposal yearly, in terms of the settlement of the late Mr Andrew Jervise, Three Prizes (value £3, £2 and £1 respectively) from the revenue of his bequest, for the three best Essays written by apprentices in the town or parish of Brechin, on the history of the profession or trade in which they are themselves personally engaged.

Primrose League

Brechin and District Habitation, No. 1741—Formed on 15th October 1889. Secretary, Wm. Anderson ; Treasurer, James S. Lindsay.

Brechin and District Conservative Association

Instituted in October 1884. President, the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore ; Secretary, William Anderson, solicitor, Brechin ; Treasurer, James S. Lindsay.

High School Former Pupils' Association

Instituted 1908. Hon. President, John Lamb, J.P., Glencadam ; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Ex-Provost Scott, Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison, A. R. Maclean Murray, David Duke, and Andrew Robertson ; President, T. M. Guthrie ; Vice-Presidents, D. G. Shiell and Miss Scott, Park House ; Secretary, F. C. Anderson ; Treasurer, C. Ferrier.

Women's Liberal Unionist Association

President, Rt. Hon. The Countess of Southesk ; Vice-Presidents, Miss Campbell, Stracathro, and Mrs McNab, Keithock ; Secretary, Mrs D. Murray, St. Katherines ; Treasurer, Miss Scott, Park House.

Curling Clubs

Brechin Castle Curling Club—Patrons, Right Hon. Earl of Dalhonsie and Hon. C. M. Ramsay; Patroness, Countess of Dalhousie; President, Earl of Dalhousie; Vice-President, Provost Ferguson; representative members, Messrs David Duke and D. G. Shiell; Chaplain, Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Ferguson; Icemaster, D. G. Shiell; Council, D. Lamb, W. Ferguson, James Smart, J. B. McNab, J. L. Aird, G. Shepherd, H. P. Gordon. Skips—Earl of Dalhousie, Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Provost Ferguson, D. Wingate, J. Duncan, Rev. A. D. T. Hutchison, D. G. Shiell, D. Duke, and H. P. Gordon.

Southesk Curling Club—President, Jas. Carnegie; Vice-President, Capt. Blair-Imrie; Secretary and Treasurer, C. M. Denholm.

Brechin and District Mercantile Association

President, James Scott Lindsay; Vice-President, Ex-Provost Beaton; Secretary and Treasurer, David Fleming, solicitor, Union Bank Buildings.

Ex-Ploughmen's Association

President, A. Eaddie; Vice-President, J. Taylor; Secretary and Treasurer, John Shand.

Brechin and District Mutual Plate Glass Association

President, James Scott Lindsay; Secretary and Treasurer, David Fleming, solicitor, Union Bank Buildings.

Liberal Association

Instituted 1880. President, James Guthrie; Vice-President, George Smart; Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. Ferrier.

Women's Liberal Association

President, Mrs James Bruce; Vice-Presidents, Mrs D. Duke and Mrs James Scott; Secretary, Mrs P. W. Watt, 5 Union Street; Joint Treasurers, Mrs James Kinnear and Miss Whyte.

Ladies' Permanent Coal Fund

President, Mrs R. W. Duke; Vice-President, Miss N. Lamb; Treasurer, Mr T. Maule Guthrie; Secretary, Miss Anderson; and a Committee of Management.

Brechin Savings Bank

Established in 1851. Certified under Act of Parliament, 1863. Office, St. Mary Street. Open for the transaction of business on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 6 to 8 p.m.; also on Friday evenings, from 6 to 8. W. Anderson, Actuary; The British Linen Bank, Brechin, Bankers; David S. Barrie, Auditor.

East Mill Company, Limited

Works and Registered Office--East Mill Road. J. & D. G. Shiell, Solicitors, Secretaries. A. Nicol Simpson, Manager. James Scott, Auditor.

The Territorial Force

Brechin Detachment 5th Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) Captain T. M. Guthrie, Commanding Detachment; Lieutenants, J. Duke and A. Duke; Drill Hall and Armoury, Bank Street; Drill Instructor, Col.-Sergeant Arthur; Chaplain to the Territorial Force, attached to 5th Batt., Rev. Dr Coats.

Brechin District Boy Scouts

President, Countess of Dalhousie; Commissioner, *Vacant*; Secretary and Treasurer. Rev. A. D. Tait Hutchison; Scoutmaster, J. S. M'Alley; Assistant Scoutmaster, Jas. Taggart; Instructor, J Neish.

Educational Institute of Scotland.

Brechin Local Association—Meets in Brechin and Montrose alternately on third Saturday of February, last Saturday of April, second Saturday of June, last Saturday of October, and last Saturday of December. President, G. A. Ross, Brechin; Treasurer, A. C. Robertson Aldbar; Secretary, Wm. Cranston, Montrose.

Brechin District of County Council.

Chairman, W. Shaw Adamson, Esq., of Careston; Joint Clerks and Treasurers, Alex. Philip and David Fleming, Union Bank Buildings. Collector, H. P. Gordon, Swan Street.

Post Office

Office, Clerk Street—J C Robertson, Postmaster. Open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Order and Bank Business, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, to 8 p.m. Telegraph Office, open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Scottish Legal Life Assurance Company

Brechin District—George Henderson, President; Alex. M'Gregor, Secretary.

National Federal Union of Operative Bakers of Scotland

Brechin Branch—President, A. Christie; Vice-President, D Thomson; Secretary, David Ireland; Treasurer, William Hutton.

Shop Assistants' Union

Chairman, D. Irons; Secretary, Mary Davidson; Treasurer, Bella Wilson.

Operative Masons' Union

Brechin Branch—President, James Smith; Secretary, John Ogilvie; Treasurer, David Farquhar.

Infirmary and Dispensary

President, The Right Hon. The Earl of Dalhousie; Vice-President, Rev. Dr Coats; Directors—Provost Ferguson, Bailies Henderson and Cargill; Alex. Peter, John Lamb, G. A. Scott, James Guthrie, T. M. Guthrie, D. Duke, W. C. Cuninghame, G. Shepherd, J. B. McNab, C. S. O. Mills, Alfred O'Neil, James Bruce, John Joe, M. B. Lamb, and Dr Leishman; Secretary and Treasurer, James Scott; Matron, Miss Milne; Medical Officers, the Medical Practitioners of the City.

Scottish Co-Operative Women's Guild

Brechin Branch—President, Mrs Gardner; Vice-President, Mrs Murray; Treasurer; Mrs John Joe; Secretary, Miss Katie Fraser.

Rechabites

Brechin Tent, No. 3— Meets in Rechabite Hall, alternate Friday evenings. Alex. Ross, C.R.; G. Douglas, Secretary; William Jaffrey, Treasurer.

Mayflower (Juvenile) Tent—Superintendent, J. B. Todd.

Masonic Lodges

St. Ninian's Lodge, No. 66—Founded in 1740. Meets on the third Thursday of each month, at 8.15 p.m. R.W.M., Robert Henderson; D.M., Alexander Dunbar; S.M., George A. Moir; S.W., J. M. Finlayson; J.W.. Alexander Norrie; Secretary, D. Taylor; Treasurer, R. C. Whyte; S.D., D. Smith; J.D., W. Burness; Director of Music, George A. Moir; Steward, Wilson M. Dorward; I.G., J. S. Mitchell; O.G., Jas. Alexander.

St. James' Lodge, No. 123—Instituted 1770. Meetings held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Masonic Hall, Church Street, at 8.15 p.m. R.W.M., Rev. H. C. Cargill; D.M., C. S. O. Mills; S.M., Wm. Johnston, Jr.; S.W., J. F. Lammond. jun.; J.W., J. Cowieson; Secretary, J. S. Kinghorn; Treasurer, G. Davidson; Chaplain, The Rev. W. W. Coats, D.D.; S.D., Geo. Cumming; J.D., R. Adamson Scott; Clerk, A. Boulton; Director of Music, J. S. Lindsay; D.C., J. A. Spence; B.B., James Lammond, sen.; Steward, D. Keir; I.G., J. Duncan; O.G., A. Paton.

Royal Arch Chapter Noah, No 7.— Instituted 1774. 1st Prin., Robert Oswald; 2nd Prin., John Christison; 3rd Prin., W. C. Wishart; S. E., James Barrie; 1st Soj., Andrew Gibson; 2nd Soj., J. Cuthill; 3rd Soj. Alex. Gibson; D.C., G. O. Gibson; Treas., Wm. Eggie; Janitor, Alex. Paton.

Population of Brechin

1911 Census—Parish, 9836. Parliamentary Burgh, 8439. Royal Burgh, 4816. *Brechin Burgh Electorate*, 1913-1914—Municipal, 2117. *Parliamentary Voters*—1326. *Burgh Valuation*, 1913-1914—£36,551 8s 7d. Railways, £1581. Parish Council Voters, 2120. Area of Burgh, 641.429 acres.

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Silver, F., Vice-President

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Union Bank—G. P. Mitchell, Agent
Savings Bank—Thomas Bennet, Receiver of Deposits

Bakers.
Byars, W. & J.
Belford, Wm.
Duncan, Miss

Blacksmiths.
Duncan, J.
Hay, W.

Bootmakers.
Nairn, D.
Wilson, Alex.

Builders.
Douglas, David

Butchers.
Smith, Wm.
Strachan, J.

Choral Society
Ferguson, D., President
Robertson, D. A., Secretary
Farquhar, W. J., Conductor

Coal Merchants and Contractors
Muir, Son, & Patton, Ltd.—D. M'Laren, Agent

Curling Club.
Wilson, J. A., President.
M'Laren, D., Secy.
Thiem, C. A., Treas.

Chemist.
Petrie, J. S.

Cycle Agents.
Duncan, John L. Reps. of
Milne, A., & Son

Dalhousie Bowling Club.
Smith, A., President
Silver, J., Vice-President
Robertson, D. A., Secy.

Drapers
Carr, John
Crabb, Miss
Ferguson, D.
Robertson, J. C.

Dressmakers.
Beattie, Miss, High Street
Jolly, Miss, Rowan Cottage
McGregor, Miss, Union Street

Edzell Bowling Club
Theim, C. A., President

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Lindsay, W., Conductor
Silver, F., President

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Ferguson, F. A. Secretary
Crichton, John H., Manager

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Fearn, J. L., Captain

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Dalhousie, The Right Hon. Earl of, Captain
Shiell, D. G., Secretary
Mitchell, G. P., Treasurer

Gannochy Club.
Robb, G., Captain
Cameron, S., Secy. and Treas.

Grocers.
Carr, John
Crabb, Miss
Jack, Alex.
Mitchell, Mrs
Robertson, J. C.
Thomson, John (Licensed)

Horse and Motor Hirers.
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Oram, D., Central Stables

Hotels.
Glenesk Hotel, Miss Macdonald, Manageress

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Central Hotel, D. Oram, Propr.

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Garden, J., High Street

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Joiners.
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Fearn, James

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McLaren Mrs., Secretary

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Edzell Castle (870), A. Gibson, R.W.M., G. Douglas, Secy.

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Mathers, J. & Co.,
Ramsay, Alex.

Plumbers.
Lammond, J., & Son

Ploughmen's Society.
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Douglas, G., Secretary and Treasurer

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Dalbog, 9.10 ,,
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ECLIPSES, RATES OF POSTAGE, &c.

Principal Articles of the Calendar for the Year 1914.

Golden Number, 15; Epact, 3; Solar Cycle, 19; Dominical Letter, D; Roman Indiction, 12; Year of Julian Period, 6627.

Foreign Epochs.

The year 5675 of the Jewish Era begins on September 21, 1914.

The year 1333 of the Mohammedan Era begins on November 19, 1914.

Ramadân (Month of Abstinence observed by the Turks) commences on July 24, 1914.

Eclipses in 1914.

In the year 1914 there will be two Eclipses of the Sun and two of the Moon, and a Transit of Mercury across the Sun's disc.

Feb. 24.—An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, invisible at Greenwich.

March 12.—A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, visible at Greenwich.

August 21.—A Total Eclipse of the Sun, visible as a Partial Eclipse at Greenwich.

Sept. 4.—A Partial Eclipse of the Moon, invisible at Greenwich.

Nov. 7.—A Transit of Mercury across the Sun's disc, visible at Greenwich.

Law Sittings.

	Begin	*End*
Hilary Sittings,	Jan. 12	Apr. 8
Easter ,,	Apr. 21	May 29
Trinity ,,	June 9	July 31
Michaelmas ,,	Oct. 12	Dec. 21

Telephone Trunk Lines.

The fees for the use of the Telephone Trunk Lines in the United Kingdom are:—From 25 miles or under, 3d.; 50 miles, 6d.; 75 miles, 9d.; 100 miles, 1s.; for every additional 40 miles in part thereof, 6d. Time limit of conversation, three minutes.

Telegrams.

The charge for Inland Telegrams is 6d. for the first 12 words, and ½d. for every additional word. Addresses are charged for.

Night Telegraph Letters.

These may be sent under certain conditions at the rate of 36 words for 6d. for delivery by the first post next morning. 6d. is the minimum charge for this service.

Parcel Post.

The rate of postage, to be prepaid in ordinary postage-stamps, is for an Inland Postal Parcel of a weight

Not exceeding 1 lb.	3d.
Excdg. 1 lb., not excdg. 2 lb.	4d.
,, 2 ,, ,, 3 ,,	5d.
,, 3 ,, ,, 5 ,,	6d.
,, 5 ,, ,, 7 ,,	7d.
,, 7 ,, ,, 8 ,,	8d.
,, 8 ,, ,, 9 ,,	9d.
,, 9 ,, ,, 10 ,,	10d.
,, 10 ,, ,, 11 ,,	11d.

The dimensions allowed for an Inland Postal Parcel are:—

Greatest length	3 ft. 6 in.
Greatest length and girth combined	6 ft. 0 in.

A Parcel Post Service has been established between the United Kingdom and many foreign countries and the British Colonies and Foreign Possessions generally. For rates and regulations see Post Office Guide.

Letter Post.

To and from all parts of the United Kingdom the prepaid rates are:—

Not exceeding 4 oz. in weight 1d.

For every additional 2 oz. . ½d.

A letter posted unpaid is chargeable on delivery with double postage; if insufficiently paid, with double the deficiency.

The Foreign Postage Rate is 2½d. per oz., and 1½d. per oz. after; to the United States 1d. per oz.

Imperial Penny Postage.

A letter postage of 1d. per oz. is now established between the United Kingdom and nearly all British Possessions and Egypt.

Registration and Compensation.

By the prepayment of a fee of twopence, any postal packet (parcels included) may be registered to any place in the United Kingdom. Compensation will be given for the loss and damage of Inland Registered Postal Packets. The ordinary registration fee secures £5; 3d., £20; 4d., £40; 5d., £60; 6d., £80; 7d., £100; 8d., £120; 9d., £140; 10d., £160, and so on up to 1s. 10d., which secures £400. *See* Post Office Guide.

Halfpenny Post (Inland).

This post is limited to packets not exceeding 2 oz. in weight, and covers books, drawings, documents, of which particulars are given in the Postal Guide.

Canada Magazine Post.

Newspapers, magazines, trade journals, etc., which have been duly registered, can now be transmitted to Canada at the rate of one penny per pound weight.

Postage on Inland Registered Newspapers.

Prepaid Rate.—On each registered newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet, the postage when prepaid is one halfpenny.

Cash on Delivery Service.

For a prepaid fee of 2d., with another charge on delivery, the Post Office will collect charges for goods not exceeding £20. At present this service is confined to certain British Possessions and Egypt.

Post Cards.

Thick post cards, bearing a half-penny impressed stamp, are available for transmission between places in the United Kingdom only. Thick cards are sold in packets at 11 for 6d.; thin at face value. They can also be had in smaller numbers or singly. Reply-cards are also sold. Letter-cards are sold at one penny each. Foreign post cards, 1d.; reply, 2d.

Money Orders for the United Kingdom.

Money Orders are granted in the United Kingdom at the following rates:—

For sums not exceeding £1, 2d.; above £1 and not exceeding £3, 3d.; above £3 and not exceeding £10, 4d.; £10 to £20, 6d.; £20 to £30, 8d.; £30 to £40, 10d.

Money may be sent by Telegraph Money Order at the same rate as for ordinary Inland Money Orders *plus* supplementary fee of 2d. and cost of official telegram of advice.

Postal Orders.

Forty-one orders are now issued representing every 6d. from 6d. to 20s., and also for 21s. The charge is ½d. for orders from 6d. to 2s. 6d.; 1d. for orders from 3s. to 15s., and 1½d. for orders above that sum.

Post Office Savings Banks.

No deposit of less than a shilling is received, nor any pence, and not more than £50 in one year. No further deposit is allowed when the sum standing in depositor's name amounts to £200, inclusive of interest. Interest is allowed at the rate of 2½ per cent. (or sixpence in the pound) per annum—that is, one halfpenny per pound per month.

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

First Quarter, 4th, 1 9 p.m. | Last Quarter, 19th, 0 30 a.m.
Full Moon, 12th, 5 9 p.m. | New Moon, 26th, 6 34 a.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises. H. M.	Sun Sets H. M.	Moon Rises. Morn.	Moon Sets. Aft.
1	Th	*New Yr.'s Day. Bk. Holiday in Scotland.*		8 8	3 59	10 47	9 23
2	F	Doyle, caricaturist, died, 1868.		8 8	4 1	10 57	10 41
3	S	Douglas Jerrold born, 1803.	3	8 8	4 2	11 6	11 52
4	S	**2nd Sunday after Christmas.**		8 8	4 3	11 17	Morn.
5	M	*Dividends on Consols due.*		8 7	4 4	11 28	1 1
6	Tu	*Epiphany—Twelfth Day.*		8 7	4 5	11 41	2 12
7	W	Old Christmas Day.		8 7	4 6	11 57	3 29
8	Th	*Cambridge Lent Term begins.*		8 6	4 8	0a21	4 45
9	F	*Christmas Fire Insurance ceases.*		8 6	4 9	0 57	6 1
10	S	British Penny Postage commenced, 1840.	10	8 5	4 10	1 48	7 10
11	S	**1st Sunday after Epiphany.**		8 5	4 12	2 58	8 5
12	M	*Hilary Law Sittings begin.*		8 4	4 13	4 20	8 45
13	Tu	*St. Hilary.*		8 3	4 15	5 51	9 12
14	W	*Oxford Lent Term begins.*		8 2	4 16	7 21	9 32
15	Th	14. Lord Lansdowne born, 1845.		8 2	4 18	8 48	9 47
16	F	Home Rule Bill passed through Commons, 1913.		8 1	4 19	10 15	9 59
17	S	B. Franklin born, 1706.	17	8 0	4 21	11 40	10 11
18	S	**2nd Sunday after Epiphany.**		7 59	4 22	Morn.	10 25
19	M	18. Capt. Scott reached South Pole, 1912.		7 58	4 24	1 6	10 40
20	Tu	Ruskin died, 1900.		7 57	4 26	2 34	10 59
21	W	22. Byron born, 1788.		7 56	4 27	4 2	11 26
22	Th	Queen Victoria died, 1901.		7 55	4 29	5 23	0a13
23	F	Charles Kingsley died, 1875.		7 54	4 31	6 32	0 56
24	S	Lord R. Churchill died, 1895.	24	7 53	4 32	7 23	2 5
25	S	**3rd Sunday after Epiphany.**		7 51	4 34	8 0	3 22
26	M	General Gordon died, 1885.		7 50	4 36	8 24	4 43
27	Tu	William II., German Emperor born, 1859.		7 49	4 38	8 41	6 0
28	W	Peter the Great died, 1725.		7 47	4 39	8 53	7 14
29	Th	Duke of Fife died, 1912.		7 46	4 41	9 5	8 26
30	F	Ice Fair on Thames, 1814.		7 44	4 43	9 13	9 36
31	S	*Great Eastern* launched, 1858.	31	7 42	4 45	9 23	10 45

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is in superior conjunction with the Sun on the 25th.

Venus is a morning star, near the Moon on the 25th.

Mars is in opposition to the Sun on the 5th, near the Moon on the 5th.

Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 20th, near the Moon on the 25th.

Saturn is an evening star, near the Moon on the 9th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
January 1	8 8	3 59	8 48	3 45	8 19	3 49
,, 8	8 6	4 8	8 44	3 54	8 16	3 58
,, 15	8 2	4 18	8 39	4 7	8 11	4 8
,, 22	7 55	4 29	8 30	4 20	8 4	4 20

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 91,342,000 miles.

A PAGE OF FACTS.

AN English china teapot has been sold for £1,500.

OIL is to be the fuel for the British Navy of the future.

SILK made from wood-pulp is now a thriving Essex industry.

THE lightship at Mersey Bar is fitted with a light of 40,000 candle-power.

A POWERFUL motor fire-float is now stationed for service on the Thames.

KING HENRY VII.'s chapel in Westminster Abbey is now once more the chapel of the Knights of the Bath.

THE high price of leather has led to the increased use of substitutes, some of which, though not all, wear very well.

BEFORE many years are past the "overland route" to India is likely to be revived by through railway communication.

"OLD ENGLISH GARDENS" have now been formed in several of the parks under the control of the London County Council.

SHADWELL Fish Market, which proved a commercial failure, is now being laid out as a riverside open space for East London.

LEPROSY, which was once terribly prevalent throughout Europe, is not altogether unknown in England even to-day, though it is very rare.

IN Tudor times, Heston, in Middlesex, produced such fine wheat that Queen Elizabeth insisted on it being used to provide bread for the royal table.

ORCHID-HUNTING in the tropics is an adventurous business, but rare specimens fetch very remunerative prices when brought to the European market.

THE locks on the Panama Canal, which are the biggest in the world, have been described by those who saw them in the making as "canyons in concrete."

AS much as £1,000 has been paid for a pedigree dog, and the high prices which people are ready to pay make dog-stealing an attractive and often profitable occupation.

THE famous roof of Westminster Hall has been thoroughly examined and repaired at a cost of several thousand pounds. The scaffolding used for the purpose was almost a work of art.

THOUGH the Spanish Empire has been broken up, its language in modified forms is spoken in most parts of Central and South America, except in Brazil, which once belonged to Portugal.

THE Eucalyptus or Blue Gum tree, which is a native of Australasia, is now to be found all over the world, its rapid growth and its extraordinary power of absorbing moisture through its roots making it very useful in making unhealthy marshy regions in the tropics inhabitable for a white population. It is said that a forest of these trees can be grown in twenty years, and it seems to flourish nearly as well in temperate as in tropical and sub-tropical climates

SWEDEN has adopted a system of Old Age Pensions.

SOME areas in the Sudan produce the finest cotton in the world.

20,000 persons in England and Wales had to do without a birthday in 1912.

IN London persons under the age of sixteen are not allowed to pawn goods.

THE cost of living in the United States has risen by half in fifteen years.

MOTOR-BARGES are beginning to be used with good results on some of our canals.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to abolish the troublesome odd farthing in drapers' prices.

PEACE has been preserved between Great Britain and the United States for a hundred years.

THE public have had to pay in large measure for the big coal and railway strikes of a year or two ago.

DAHLIAS, which were discovered in Mexico in 1784, have been cultivated in England for just a hundred years.

THE number of Irish school-children learning Irish as well as English has considerably increased in recent years.

SINCE 1894 the yield from a penny in the £ income tax has grown from nearly two millions to nearly three millions sterling.

LAST May was a record month for sunshine in this country, and the previous August would be hard to beat for rain and floods.

ON some railway lines the charge for "platform-tickets" for persons not desiring to travel now yields an appreciable yearly revenue.

SHEEP-FARMING is being developed in South America on both sides of the Straits of Magellan at the expense of the native population.

IN the Falkland Islands, now a Crown Colony, the inhabitants go about stooping because of the violence of the winds which are always blowing.

THE proportion of killed to wounded among the Bulgarian casualties during the war with Turkey was far higher than that recorded in the South African War.

TWO new capital cities are being laid out in the British Empire:—The new city of Delhi in India, and Canberra, the federal capital of the Australian Commonwealth.

HYDE PARK CORNER is now the most crowded piece of roadway in London, the Mansion House crossing having dropped to the fourth place on the list of "danger-spots."

ORANGES were introduced into Europe from China by the Portuguese in 1547, and it is asserted that the ancestor of all European orange trees is still to be seen in a Lisbon garden. Nowadays the season for this fruit has been largely extended owing to wide sources of supply and improved methods of transport. It is a cheap and wholesome fruit.

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

First Quarter, 3rd, 10 33 a.m. | Last Quarter, 17th, 9 23 a.m.
Full Moon, 10th, 5 35 p.m. | New Moon, 25th, 0 2 a.m.

			Day of Year	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Morn.	Aft.
1	S	**4th Sunday after Epiphany.**		7 41	4 46	9 34	11 55
2	M	Candlemas. *Scotch Quarter Day.*		7 40	4 48	9 46	Morn.
3	Tu	Marquis of Salisbury born, 1830.		7 39	4 50	10 1	1 10
4	W	George Herbert died, 1633.		7 37	4 52	10 20	2 24
5	Th	Sir Robert Peel born, 1788.		7 35	4 54	10 49	3 39
6	F	Sir Henry Irving born, 1838.		7 33	4 55	11 30	4 52
7	S	8. *Half Quarter Day.*	38	7 32	4 57	0a31	5 52
8	S	**Septuagesima Sunday.**		7 30	4 58	1 49	6 40
9	M	Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., born, 1838.		7 28	5 0	3 17	7 12
10	Tu	Lord Lister died, 1912.		7 26	5 2	4 49	7 36
11	W	Thomas Edison born, 1847.		7 25	5 4	6 21	7 51
12	Th	Revolution in China, 1912.		7 23	5 6	7 50	8 5
13	F	Richard Wagner died, 1883.		7 21	5 8	9 20	8 20
14	S	*St. Valentine.*	45	7 19	5 10	10 49	8 33
15	S	**Sexagesima Sunday.**		7 17	5 12	Morn.	8 47
16	M	17. Heine died, 1856.		7 15	5 13	0 19	9 4
17	Tu	H.R.H. Duchess of Albany born, 1861		7 13	5 15	1 49	9 27
18	W	Martin Luther died, 1546.		7 11	5 17	3 15	10 2
19	Th	Mme. Adelina Patti born, 1843.		7 10	5 19	4 27	10 50
20	F	Saragossa, 1809.		7 8	5 21	5 23	11 54
21	S	Cardinal Newman born, 1801.	52	7 6	5 23	6 2	1 a8
22	S	**Quinquagesima Sunday.**		7 4	5 25	6 28	2 27
23	M	22. Mexican President Shot, 1913.		7 2	5 27	6 47	3 44
24	Tu	*Shrove Tuesday.* St. Matthias.		6 59	5 28	7 1	4 59
25	W	*Ash Wednesday.*		6 57	5 30	7 13	6 12
26	Th	Earl of Cromer born, 1841.		6 55	5 31	7 23	7 23
27	F	Paardeberg, 1900.		6 53	5 33	7 32	8 33
28	S	*Hare-hunting ends.*	59	6 51	5 35	7 42	9 41

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is at greatest eastern elongation on the 22nd.

Venus is in superior conjunction with the Sun on the 11th, near the Moon on the 25th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 7th.

Jupiter is a morning star, near the Moon on the 22nd.

Saturn is an evening star, near the Moon on the 5th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
February 1	7 41	4 46	8 11	4 41	7 50	4 39
,, 8	7 30	4 58	7 58	4 56	7 36	4 52
,, 15	7 17	5 12	7 42	5 12	7 22	5 6
,, 22	7 4	5 25	7 27	5 28	7 8	5 22

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 91,548,000 miles.



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WINDERMERE

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

First Quarter, 5th, 5 3 a.m. | Last Quarter, 18th, 7 39 p.m.
Full Moon 12th, 4 19 a.m. | New Moon, 26th, 6 9 p.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M	H. M.	Morn.	Aft.
1	S	**1st Sunday in Lent.** *St. David.*		6 49	5 37	7 53	10 54
2	M	John Wesley died, 1791.		6 47	5 38	8 5	Morn.
3	Tu	Treaty of San Stefano, 1878.		6 45	5 40	8 23	0 8
4	W	Inauguration Day, U.S.A.		6 43	5 42	8 48	1 21
5	Th	Sir A. H. Layard born, 1817.		6 41	5 44	9 22	2 32
6	F	Elizabeth Browning born, 1809.		6 39	5 46	10 12	3 38
7	S	Bible Society founded, 1804.	66	6 36	5 47	11 20	4 31
8	S	**2nd Sunday in Lent.**		6 34	5 49	0a42	5 9
9	M	William Cobbett born, 1762.		6 32	5 51	2 12	5 36
10	Tu	King Edward VII. married, 1863.		6 29	5 53	3 43	5 55
11	W	Gen. Sir J. Outram died, 1863.		6 26	5 55	5 14	6 11
12	Th	£1 notes issued, 1797.		6 24	5 57	6 48	6 25
13	F	Triple Alliance signed, 1887.		6 22	5 58	8 20	6 36
14	S	15. *Close Time for Fresh Water Fish begins.*	73	6 20	6 0	9 53	6 51
15	S	**3rd Sunday in Lent.**		6 17	6 2	11 27	7 8
16	M	P. & O. *Oceana* sunk, 1912.		6 15	6 4	Morn.	7 29
17	Tu	*St. Patrick's Day.* Bank Holiday in Ireland.		6 13	6 6	0 58	8 0
18	W	King George of Greece assassinated, 1913.		6 10	6 7	2 17	8 45
19	Th	Livingstone born, 1813.		6 8	6 8	3 20	9 46
20	F	19. W. J. Bryan born, 1860.		6 7	6 10	4 5	10 58
21	S	*Spring commences.*	80	6 5	6 12	4 35	0a14
22	S	**4th Sunday in Lent.**		6 2	6 13	4 57	1 33
23	M	Lord Milner born, 1854.		6 0	6 15	5 10	2 49
24	Tu	H.M.S. *Eurydice* foundered, 1878.		5 57	6 17	5 23	4 1
25	W	*Lady Day. Quarter Day.* Ld. Wolseley d., 1913.		5 55	6 18	5 34	5 10
26	Th	Fall of Adrianople, 1913.		5 53	6 20	5 41	6 22
27	F	*Cambridge Lent Term ends.*		5 51	6 22	5 51	7 30
28	S	27. John Bright died, 1889.	87	5 48	6 23	6 1	8 41
29	S	**5th Sunday in Lent.**		5 46	6 25	6 14	9 54
30	M	29. Capt. Scott and party died in Antarctic, 1912.		5 44	6 27	6 29	11 9
31	Tu	Slave Trade abolished, 1806.	90	5 42	6 29	6 51	Morn.

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 10th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 27th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 7th.

Jupiter is a morning star, near the Moon on the 22nd.

Saturn is an evening star, near the Moon on the 5th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.		LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
March	1	6 49	5 37	7 9	5 43	6 52	5 35
,,	8	6 34	5 49	6 52	5 58	6 35	5 48
,,	15	6 17	6 2	6 33	6 12	6 18	6 1
,,	22	6 2	6 13	6 15	6 26	6 1	6 14

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 92,070,000 miles.

CANALS AND HOLIDAY-MAKING.

THE many-sided problem presented by the long neglect of our canal system has hitherto received from the nation as a whole far less attention than its undoubted importance deserves. But though much might be said on the probable advantages to the agricultural interests of this country of the revival of canals upon a generous and comprehensive scale, it may be pointed out that in the event of any considerable attempt to equip canals for effective competition with the railways, the holiday-maker who loves quiet country life and desires to get away from the track of the tourist and the almost ubiquitous week-ender, will find one more opportunity of quiet communing with Nature taken from him.

Bankside Rambling.

For all those who have had the chance of walking along the banks of any one of our neglected canals, on which traffic is with difficulty retained under present conditions, agree in stating that no pleasanter way of spending a summer holiday in England can be found. The weeds, which are a sure sign of scanty traffic, are also interesting to the botanist; and the same may be said for the untrimmed hedges which in many places encroach upon the tow-path so far as to leave little more than room for the slow-moving horse to pass; indeed, it often seems as if the patient animal, by cropping the grass or taking a mouthful of juicy leaves as he plods his way along, represents all that is done to keep the track open.

Coming Changes.

But if once more capital is available to back up the efforts of the engineer, there will soon be few chances of idling away a week in summer in the delightful fashion which has been suggested. The canal will be widened and deepened, and the mud and weeds must be cleared, to the annoyance of the fat fish that now live lazy lives in the dark, cool shallows. The tow-paths must also be made wide and solid, especially if motor traction from the bank is adopted, as has been the case in some instances abroad.

Awakening the Countryside.

The sleepy villages, which now seem to have changed but little since the days of pack-horses, will once more begin to bestir themselves in response to the re-awakened energy visible on the canal, which has been the symbol of their long torpor. The farmer will have the chance of sending much of his produce to the big towns by motor barge instead of by train at heavy rates, and all along the water route new industries will spring up, bringing back prosperity to places which have long since given up all hope of ever taking more than an unselfish interest in the affairs of the big, bustling world that has ebbed away from them and left them to their own small concerns.

Such changes as these, which are inevitable whenever a canal is taken in hand by capable and wealthy management, must spoil the quiet charm which is now so delightful a characteristic of many miles of our inland waterways. The lover of Nature may therefore be recommended to avail himself of the opportunities provided for him by the unprofitable working under disadvantages of these lonely paths and stretches of bird-haunted water before it is too late. For when the "navigator" once more gets to work with pick and shovel wild Nature will retire to a safe distance, leaving behind only such hardy fighters as flourish in spite of all the efforts of civilised man to turn the earth from which he sprang to his own uses.

The Deserted Village.

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay:
Princes and lords may flourish, or may fade—
A breath can make them, as a breath has made:
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed can never be supplied. OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

A Beautiful Waterway.

The canal running from the Thames at Weybridge by way of Aldershot to Basingstoke is deservedly known as one of the most attractive of these half-forgotten undertakings which were started with such high hopes by their promoters; and it is as pleasant a sauntering-place as the idlest man in all the world could desire on a day in mid-June or any of the warm summer months. Boating people, too, sometimes stray in its direction, and, provided with the necessary permit, may spend an enjoyable day or two in exploring its surprising bends throughout its forty miles of length. But it is not alone in the attractions which it offers, for it is typical of many other beautiful properties in England which may be visited at small expense by those who are in love with the peaceful scenery of the green and pleasant land in which we live. Even on the main canal routes, where traffic is still frequent, there is much that is worth seeing, and, though for obvious reasons access to these tow-paths is not made too easy, boating men can usually obtain passes at reasonable rates.

Enough has now been said to show that the enforced neglect into which so many of our canals have fallen has been Nature's opportunity of reasserting her rights, and those who care to study her methods (often within a few yards of a railway line) can do so to advantage by spending rewardful hours either on or by sweet, peaceful waters, tree-shadowed, sun-kissed, or wind-swept, as chance will have it.

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

First Quarter, 3rd, 7 42 p.m. | Last Quarter, 17th, 7 52 a.m.
Full Moon, 10th, 1 28 p.m. | New Moon, 25th, 11 22 a.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Morn.	Morn.
1	W	*All Fools' Day.*		5 39	6 30	7 22	0 22
2	Th	Richard Cobden died, 1865.		5 37	6 32	8 4	1 28
3	F	4. *Oxford Lent Term ends.*		5 35	6 34	9 4	2 24
4	S	5. *Dividends on Consols due.*	94	5 32	6 35	10 18	3 6
5	**S**	**Palm Sunday.**		5 30	6 36	11 42	3 37
6	M	Coal Strike ended, 1912.		5 28	6 38	Ia11	3 58
7	Tu	*Old Lady Day.*		5 25	6 39	2 39	4 14
8	W	*Hilary Law Sittings end.*		5 23	6 41	4 9	4 29
9	Th	*Fire Insurance ceases.*		5 21	6 43	5 40	4 43
10	F	*Good Friday.*		5 19	6 45	7 15	4 55
11	S	*Easter Eve.*	101	5 17	6 46	8 51	5 10
12	**S**	**Easter Day.**		5 15	6 48	10 27	5 29
13	M	*Easter Monday. Bank Holiday.*		5 12	6 50	11 55	5 57
14	Tu	15. Cardinal Vaughan born, 1832.		5 10	6 52	Morn.	6 37
15	W	*Oxford Easter Term begins.*		5 8	6 53	1 9	7 33
16	Th	15. Sinking of the *Titanic*, 1912.		5 6	6 55	2 1	8 43
17	F	18. San Francisco Earthquake, 1906.		5 4	6 57	2 37	10 1
18	S	*Cambridge Easter Term begins.*	108	5 2	6 58	3 1	11 20
19	**S**	**Low Sunday.**		5 0	7 0	3 18	0a38
20	M	21. Mark Twain died, 1910.		4 58	7 1	3 31	1 51
21	Tu	*Easter Law Sittings begin.*		4 56	7 3	3 42	3 1
22	W	Henry Fielding born, 1707.		4 54	7 5	3 51	4 11
23	Th	*St. George's Day.*		4 51	7 6	4 0	5 20
24	F	Defoe died, 1731.		4 49	7 7	4 10	6 30
25	S	*St. Mark.*	115	4 48	7 9	4 22	7 43
26	**S**	**2nd Sunday after Easter.**		4 46	7 11	4 37	8 57
27	M	Emerson died, 1882.		4 44	7 13	4 57	10 11
28	Tu	Mutiny of the *Bounty*, 1789.		4 42	7 15	5 25	11 20
29	W	30. Fontenoy, 1745.		4 39	7 16	6 3	Morn.
30	Th	Lord Avebury born, 1834.	120	4 37	7 18	6 58	0 19

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is at greatest western elongation on the 7th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 27th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 4th.

Jupiter is a morning star, near the Moon on the 19th.

Saturn is an evening star, near the Moon on the 1st and 28th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.		LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
April	1	5 39	6 30	5 48	6 48	5 37	6 32
,,	8	5 23	6 41	5 30	7 2	5 20	6 45
,,	15	5 8	6 53	5 13	7 16	5 4	6 57
,,	22	4 51	7 5	4 55	7 30	4 49	7 10

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 92,858,000 miles.



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THE MOON'S CHANGES.

First Quarter, 3rd, 6 29 a.m. | Last Quarter. 16th, 10 12 p.m.
Full Moon, 9th, 9 31 p.m. | New Moon, 25th, 2 35 a.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Morn.	Morn.
1	F	*St. Philip and St. James.*		4 35	7 20	8 6	1 4
2	S	Duke of Connaught born, 1850.	122	4 33	7 22	9 24	1 37
3	**S**	**3rd Sunday after Easter.**		4 32	7 24	10 48	2 1
4	M	*Bank Holiday in Scotland.*		4 30	7 25	oa14	2 20
5	Tu	4. David Livingstone died, 1873.		4 28	7 27	1 40	2 34
6	W	King's Accession.		4 26	7 28	3 8	2 47
7	Th	Lord Rosebery born, 1847.		4 24	7 29	4 38	2 59
8	F	J. S. Mill died, 1873.		4 23	7 30	6 11	3 13
9	S	*Half Quarter Day.*	129	4 21	7 31	7 47	3 31
10	**S**	**4th Sunday after Easter.**		4 20	7 33	9 23	3 55
11	M	Indian Mutiny began, 1857.		4 18	7 35	10 44	4 28
12	Tu	Passage of the Douro, 1809.		4 16	7 37	11 49	5 18
13	W	Sir A. Sullivan born, 1842.		4 14	7 39	Morn.	6 24
14	Th	*Old May Day.*		4 13	7 40	0 34	7 42
15	F	Edmund Kean died, 1833.		4 11	7 41	1 3	9 4
16	S	Albuera, 1811.	136	4 10	7 43	1 22	10 23
17	**S**	**Rogation Sunday.**		4 8	7 45	1 36	11 39
18	M	N. Hawthorne died, 1864.		4 7	7 46	1 50	oa50
19	Tu	W. E. Gladstone died, 1898.		4 6	7 47	1 59	2 1
20	W	19. Tsar of Russia born, 1868.		4 4	7 48	2 8	3 10
21	Th	*Ascension Day. Holy Thursday.*		4 3	7 50	2 18	4 19
22	F	Sir A. Conan Doyle born, 1859.		4 2	7 51	2 30	5 30
23	S	Ramillies, 1706.	143	4 1	7 52	2 44	6 45
24	**S**	**Sunday after Ascension.**		4 0	7 54	3 1	8 0
25	M	Emerson born, 1803.		3 59	7 56	3 26	9 11
26	Tu	Queen Mary born, 1867.		3 58	7 58	4 3	10 14
27	W	Habeas Corpus Act, 1679.		3 56	7 59	4 53	11 3
28	Th	29. *Oxford Easter Term ends.*		3 55	8 0	5 59	11 39
29	F	*Easter Law Sittings end.*		3 54	8 1	7 15	Morn.
30	S	*Oxford Trinity Term begins.*	150	3 53	8 2	8 36	0 6
31	**S**	**Whit Sunday.**	151	3 52	8 3	10 0	0 25

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is in superior conjunction with the Sun on the 17th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 27th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 2nd and 30th.

Jupiter is a morning star, near the Moon on the 16th.

Saturn is an evening star, near the Moon on the 30th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
May 1 ...	4 35	7 20	4 33	7 47	4 29	7 26
,, 8 ...	4 23	7 31	4 20	8 1	4 15	7 39
,, 15 ...	4 11	7 41	4 5	8 15	4 3	7 50
,, 22 ...	4 2	7 51	3 53	8 27	3 52	8 1

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 93,628,000 miles.

A CENTURY OF PEACE.

ON Christmas Eve, 1814, in the old Carthusian Convent in the good city of Ghent, was signed a treaty of peace between Great Britain and her daughter colonies known as the free and independent republic of the United States. From that day to this the peace thus solemnly ratified has remained unbroken, and on Christmas Eve this year the friends of peace all over the world will begin to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the treaty in worthy fashion. In Canada, as well as in this country and the United States, the recognition that war between the English-speaking peoples is "unthinkable" will take many forms. Here in Great Britain the celebration will include, in addition to banquets and speeches galore, the erection of an imposing Peace Memorial in Westminster Abbey, which is regarded by Americans, as by ourselves, with veneration as the focus of so much that is sacred in our common history; the purchase and endowment in perpetuity of Sulgrave Manor, in Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of the Washington family; and, most important of all, the founding of a chair of Anglo-American history, to be held by eminent professors at various universities in turn, with the object of teaching the real facts of the mutually disastrous struggle which, though nominally ended by the Treaty of Ghent, dragged on, owing to ignorance of the circumstance that peace had been signed, until the early months of 1815.

A New History Book Wanted.

That there is need for giving to the coming generation of school children on both sides of the Atlantic an accurate and unbiassed knowledge of the whole period between the beginnings of the War of Independence to the final conclusion of peace at the end of 1814 is sufficiently obvious. In our schools the subject is either ignored altogether or dismissed in very summary and unsatisfactory fashion, while in the United States much unfriendly feeling for this country has been fostered in the past by the teaching of very distorted views of what actually happened, and of the causes and progress of the long dispute. Accordingly a joint committee of British and American scholars, headed by Mr. Bryce, our late Ambassador at Washington, and a recognised authority on American history, is to endeavour to adjust the conflicting opinions of both sides in the form of a critical narrative which, it is hoped, will become the text-book on the subject. The conflict has been ended for so long that it is high time to abandon the teaching of violent and partisan views, and to substitute in their place a sane and fairminded version of the whole matter.

The War of 1812-14.

Everyone remembers the throwing into Boston Harbour of the tea chests as a protest against taxation, and the rebellion which ended in the famous Declaration of Independence, but the struggle which took place in the early years of last century along the Canadian frontier on the great Lakes and along the eastern coast with varying fortune is less generally known by English people. In 1807 Great Britain replied to Bonaparte's attempt to close all the harbours under his influence to British trade, by Orders in Council declaring all these ports to be in a state of blockade, and all neutral vessels liable to seizure if they attempted to run the blockade without having first touched at a British port. Bonaparte retorted in similar fashion, and the net result was to injure his power. We held command of the sea, and on the Continent prices rose rapidly, so that the populations conquered by Napoleon began to realise that they were suffering very considerably by the continuance of the struggle. The United States, too, were aggrieved as a neutral nation by our Orders in Council, and after several years of diplomatic unrest war broke out in 1812. By this time the obnoxious Orders had been repealed, but feeling was so embittered that a struggle could not be averted. Many Americans protested against the action of President Madison in declaring war, but they were outvoted in Congress, and an attempt was made to induce Canada to join the United States. Owing to our struggle with Napoleon we regarded the American war as merely "a little episode," and mismanagement added to our difficulties. In the end Canada was saved for the Empire, and though at sea the Americans gained many successes, neither side had much to boast of when peace negotiations were commenced in the autumn of 1814.

The Victories of Peace.

The story of the last hundred years is on the whole encouraging to those who look forward to the final abolition of war as a clumsy and evil way of adjusting international disputes. At any rate, the solid fact remains that though there have been from time to time many points of acute difference of opinion between Great Britain and the United States, peace has been unbroken for three generations. The great Civil War between North and South in the United States was indirectly the cause of dangerous friction, for here in England a large body of public opinion supported the cause of the slave-owning states of the South against the Prohibitionists of the North. The trouble over the *Alabama* was fortunately settled without recourse to arms, thanks to moderate counsels on both sides, and other questions, such as those connected with the cod and seal fisheries, have also been amicably adjusted. Perhaps the success of peaceful arbitration has been shown even more strikingly in the history of the relations between the United States and Canada. Here we have two great peoples living side by side, and divided only by an artificial land frontier which stretches for thousands of miles, and is undefended by a single fort.

"Peace for a hundred years, why not for ever?" is what people are asking.

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

First Quarter, 1st, 2 3 p.m. | Last Quarter, 15th, 2 20 p.m.
Full Moon, 8th, 5 18 a.m. | New Moon, 23rd, 3 33 p.m.
First Quarter, 30th, 7 25 p.m.

			Day of Year	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Morn.	Morn.
1	M	*Whit Monday. Bank Holiday.*		3 51	8 4	11 23	0 40
2	Tu	*Whit Tuesday.*		3 50	8 5	0a47	0 53
3	W	The King's birthday.		3 50	8 6	2 13	1 6
4	Th	Lord Wolseley born, 1833.		3 49	8 7	3 41	1 18
5	F	Adam Smith born, 1723.		3 48	8 8	5 14	1 33
6	S	Cavour died, 1861.	157	3 47	8 9	6 48	1 53
7	**S**	**Trinity Sunday.**		3 47	8 10	8 17	3 21
8	M	Sir John Millais born, 1829.		3 46	8 11	9 32	3 3
9	Tu	*Trinity Law Sittings begin.*		3 46	8 12	10 25	4 1
10	W	Crystal Palace opened, 1854.		3 45	8 13	11 1	5 16
11	Th	*Corpus Christi*		3 45	8 13	11 26	6 39
12	F	11. *St. Barnabas.*		3 45	8 14	11 42	8 2
13	S	Naseby, 1645.	164	3 45	8 15	11 54	9 22
14	**S**	**1st Sunday after Trinity.**		3 44	8 16	Morn.	10 35
15	M	*Close Season for Freshwater Fish ends.*		3 44	8 16	0 7	11 46
16	Tu	Quatre Bras, 1815		3 44	8 17	0 17	0a56
17	W	Bunker's Hill, 1775.		3 44	8 17	0 26	2 6
18	Th	Waterloo Day, 1815.		3 44	8 18	0 37	3 18
19	F	*Alabama* sunk, 1864.		3 44	8 18	0 50	4 30
20	S	Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.	171	3 44	8 18	1 5	5 45
21	**S**	**2nd Sunday after Trinity.**		3 44	8 18	1 29	6 58
22	M	*Summer commences.*		3 44	8 19	2 0	8 5
23	Tu	H.R.H. Prince of Wales born, 1894.		3 45	8 19	2 47	8 59
24	W	*Midsummer Day.* Quarter Day.		3 45	8 19	3 47	9 41
25	Th	24. *Cambridge Easter Term ends.*		3 45	8 19	5 2	10 10
26	F	Lord Kelvin born, 1824.		3 45	8 19	6 25	10 30
27	S	28. Cawnpore, 1857.	178	3 46	8 19	7 48	10 46
28	**S**	**3rd Sunday after Trinity.**		3 46	8 19	9 12	11 0
29	M	*St. Peter.*		3 47	8 18	10 35	11 12
30	Tu	Tower Bridge opened, 1894.	181	3 47	8 18	0 a 1	11 25

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is at greatest eastern elongation on the 19th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 26th

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 28th.

Jupiter is a morning star, near the Moon on the 13th.

Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 13th, near the Moon on the 23rd.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
June 1 ...	3 51	8 4	3 38	8 43	3 42	8 14
,, 8 ...	3 46	8 11	3 33	8 51	3 37	8 21
,, 15 ...	3 44	8 16	3 30	8 57	3 34	8 26
,, 22 ...	3 44	8 19	3 29	9 0	3 34	8 30

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 94,218,000 miles.



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SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 7th, 2 0 p.m. | New Moon, 23rd, 2 38 a.m.
Last Quarter, 15th, 7 32 a.m. | First Quarter, 29th, 11 51 p.m.

				Sun. Rises.	Sun. Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Aft.	Aft.
1	W	Dominion Day.	Day of Year.	3 48	8 18	1 25	11 39
2	TH	Union with Ireland, 1800.		3 49	8 18	2 52	11 56
3	F	Sadowa, 1866.		3 49	8 18	4 23	Morn.
4	S	5. *Dividends on Consols due.*	185	3 50	8 17	5 53	0 20
5	**S**	**4th Sunday after Trinity.**		3 51	8 17	7 12	0 55
6	M	Sir G. White, V.C., born, 1835.		3 51	8 16	8 14	1 45
7	TU	Sheridan died, 1816.		3 52	8 16	8 57	2 52
8	W	Mr. Chamberlain born, 1836.		3 53	8 15	9 26	4 12
9	TH	*Fire Insurance ceases.*		3 54	8 15	9 46	5 36
10	F	Captain Marryat, novelist, born, 1792.		3 55	8 14	10 2	6 58
11	S	*Oxford Trinity Term ends.*	192	3 56	8 13	10 12	8 15
12	**S**	**5th Sunday after Trinity.**		3 57	8 12	10 22	9 30
13	M	Voting by ballot, 1872.		3 58	8 11	10 32	10 41
14	TU	Bastille stormed, 1789.		4 0	8 11	10 43	11 50
15	W	*St. Swithin's.* (*Nat. Ins. Act into force*, 1912.)		4 1	8 10	10 54	1 a 1
16	TH	Sir Joshua Reynolds born, 1723.		4 3	8 9	11 9	2 14
17	F	Dr. Isaac Watts born, 1674.		4 4	8 8	11 29	3 27
18	S	Jane Austen died, 1817.	199	4 5	8 7	11 56	4 41
19	**S**	**6th Sunday after Trinity.**		4 6	8 6	Morn.	5 51
20	M	Army Purchase abolished, 1871.		4 7	8 4	0 37	6 51
21	TU	Sir John Gilbert, painter, born, 1817.		4 8	8 3	1 32	7 38
22	W	*St. Mary Magdalene.*		4 10	8 2	2 43	8 12
23	TH	Coventry Patmore born, 1823.		4 11	8 0	4 5	8 35
24	F	Window Tax abolished, 1851.		4 12	7 59	5 31	8 54
25	S	Mr Balfour born, 1848.	206	4 14	7 58	6 57	9 8
26	**S**	**7th Sunday after Trinity.**		4 15	7 56	8 22	9 20
27	M	26. Irish Church disestablished, 1869.		4 16	7 55	9 48	9 32
28	TU	The *Alabama* left the Mersey, 1862.		4 18	7 54	11 12	9 46
29	W	Lord Haldane born, 1856.		4 19	7 52	0a40	10 2
30	TH	31. *Close time for wild birds ends.*		4 21	7 51	2 9	10 24
31	F	*Trinity Law Sittings end.*	212	4 22	7 50	3 38	10 52

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 16th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 26th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 26th.

Jupiter is a morning star, near the Moon on the 10th.

Saturn is a morning star, near the Moon on the 20th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
July 1	3 48	8 18	3 34	8 59	3 37	8 29
,, 8	3 53	8 15	3 40	8 53	3 44	8 25
,, 15	4 1	8 10	3 49	8 47	3 52	8 19
,, 22	4 10	8 2	3 59	8 38	4 0	8 10

* Dublin time.

Distanee of the Sun on the 1st, 94,449,000 miles.



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A PAGE OF FUN.

MEETING a child sobbing, "I've lost a penny," a benevolent old gentleman promptly produced another to stem the tide of grief. "Oh, you wicked old man, so you had it all the time!" was all he got in thanks.

THIS story is told of an old Scotch lady who could not tolerate long sermons. One Sunday, when the sermon had dragged on without showing any signs of termination, she got up and left the church. In the porch she met a coachman who was waiting for his "people." "Is the meenister dune?" he asked. "Dune!" exclaimed the old lady, "he was dune lang syne, but the mon winna stop!"

DEPARTING GUEST: "Oh, don't trouble to see me to the door."

Host: "No trouble at all, old man. It's a pleasure."

WHEN a local train pulled up at the Scottish junction where passengers change for Kirriemuir, a porter put his head in the window of one of the compartments and asked, "Anyone here for Kirriemuir?" There was no response, and presently the train moved on. Then an old Scotswoman in a corner of the compartment remarked triumphantly, "A'm for Kirriemuir, but I wouldna' tell that speerin', inquesitive idiot so!"

"DONALD," said a drover to a friend, "You're drunk again, Donald."

"Don't I wish I was," answered his friend disconsolately.

"I'VE lost my appetite," said the least remunerative of the paying guests after a tremendous dinner.

"I hope nobody else will find it," whispered the anxious hostess to a sympathetic neighbour.

"MA," said the young hopeful, "I do wish you'd buy me some pants from that shop over there."

"Why?"

"'Cos it says on the ticket, 'Can't be beaten!'"

"HAVE you had many new dishes since you got your new French cook?"

"Rather! A whole new dinner set, and she's only been with us about a week!"

A FAMOUS actress, being informed by a talkative and empty-headed fellow-guest that applause was as necessary to actors as the common air, replied that she quite agreed with him. "It gives us time to breathe," she said with a quizzical smile.

THE newspaper did not intend to be funny when it informed its readers that an extra number of police had been placed on duty in a certain quarter to prevent the robberies which happened last winter.

ON the bank of a small river (in Ireland, of course) there is a stone bearing the following inscription: "N.B.—When this stone is covered, it is not safe to ford the river." This reminds us of a signpost which was formerly to be found in Kent, informing the wayfarer that it pointed to a bridle path: "But if you can't read you had better keep to the main road."

"JUST put that back where you got it from," said Mary when Tim kissed her without asking permission.

"WHAT is the chief use of bread," asked the school inspector. A dozen hands shot up in response. "Well, what's the answer, that boy third from the top?"

"Please, sir, to spread the butter on," was the unexpected answer.

WHEN the famous Dr. Abernethy was canvassing for the office of surgeon to "Barts," he called upon a wealthy grocer. The great man, filled with the idea of his own importance, puffed himself out like a turkey cock on the warpath and said, "I suppose, sir, you want my vote and interest at this momentous crisis in your career."

"No, I don't," answered Abernethy. "I want a pennyworth of figs. Look sharp and wrap them up; I've got no time to waste."

ON arriving at the place of worship the minister was somewhat disconcerted to find that the congregation consisted of only one man. Remembering that a well-known minister had on one occasion preached to one man and converted him, he decided to go ahead. At the close of a good and long sermon, he shook hands with his "congregation," and asked him if the sermon had been too long. "Oh, it makes no difference to me," was the reply, "I'm the cabman wot brought you."

JERROLD, who was rarely at a loss for a smart answer, was once asked to subscribe to a fund which was being raised to help somebody out of his money difficulties. "How much will put him on his feet again?" he asked. "Oh! just a one and a couple of noughts." "All right," said Jerrold with the air of a millionaire philanthropist, "put me down for one of the noughts."

"DO you mean to tell me," asked the customer with an earnest look on his face, "that one of these stoves will save half my coal bill?" "Why, certainly," said the shopman, "I'll answer for that." "Then, by Jove," answered the customer, extending his hand to clinch the bargain, "I'll take two of them, and save the lot."

"THAT motion's out of order," said the candidate firmly when he saw an arm raised to fling a rotten egg at him.



Photo: Chester Vaughan, Acton, W.

DISTANT VIEW OF MARLBOROUGH

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 6th, 0 41 a.m. | New Moon, 21st, 0 27 p.m.
Last Quarter, 14th, 0 56 a.m. | First Quarter, 28th, 4 53 a.m

			Day of Year	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Aft.	Aft.
1	S	*Lammas. Scottish Quarter Day.*	213	4 23	7 48	4 58	11 36
2	**S**	**8th Sunday after Trinity.**		4 25	7 46	6 6	Morn.
3	M	*Bank Holiday.*		4 26	7 44	6 55	0 36
4	Tu	Lake Victoria Nyanza discovered, 1858.		4 28	7 42	7 28	1 50
5	W	First British American cable worked, 1858.		4 30	7 41	7 50	3 13
6	Th	Tennyson born, 1809.		4 32	7 39	8 6	4 36
7	F	Gretto Day.		4 33	7 38	8 19	5 55
8	S	9. Heligoland ceded to Germany, 1890.	220	4 35	7 36	8 31	7 11
9	**S**	**9th Sunday after Trinity.**		4 36	7 34	8 39	8 23
10	M	9. Coronation of King Edward VII, 1902.		4 37	7 32	8 50	9 34
11	Tu	*Half Quarter Day.*		4 39	7 30	9 1	10 46
12	W	*Grouse Shooting begins.*		4 41	7 29	9 14	11 57
13	Th	Sir George Grove, musician, born, 1820.		4 42	7 27	9 31	1a 10
14	F	Peking Legations relieved, 1900.		4 44	7 25	9 55	2 24
15	S	Sir Walter Scott born, 1771.	227	4 45	7 23	10 30	3 35
16	**S**	**10th Sunday after Trinity.**		4 47	7 20	11 17	4 38
17	M	18. Austrian Emperor born, 1830.		4 48	7 18	Morn.	5 32
18	Tu	Great Railway strike, 1911.		4 50	7 16	0 20	6 10
19	W	Balzac died, 1850.		4 52	7 14	1 38	6 38
20	Th	General Booth died, 1912.		4 53	7 12	3 3	6 59
21	F	Vimiera, 1808.		4 55	7 10	4 31	7 15
22	S	Lord Salisbury died, 1903.	234	4 56	7 8	5 59	7 28
23	**S**	**11th Sunday after Trinity.**		4 58	7 6	7 26	7 41
24	M	*St. Bartholomew.*		5 0	7 4	8 54	7 53
25	Tu	Bret Harte born, 1839.		5 1	7 1	10 23	8 8
26	W	Crecy, 1346.		5 3	6 59	11 54	8 28
27	Th	Sir Rowland Hill died, 1879.		5 5	6 58	1a 24	8 55
28	F	O. W. Holmes born, 1809.		5 6	6 56	2 49	9 34
29	S	Sir E. Burne-Jones born, 1833.	241	5 8	6 54	4 1	10 27
30	**S**	**12th Sunday after Trinity.**		5 9	6 52	4 54	11 37
31	M	Kandahar, 1880.	243	5 11	6 50	5 32	Morn.

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is in superior conjunction with the Sun on the 30th, at greatest western elongation on the 5th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 24th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 24th.

Jupiter is in opposition to the Sun on the 10th, near the Moon on the 6th.

Saturn is a morning star, near the Moon on the 17th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.		LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
		H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M	H.M
August	1	4 23	7 48	4 17	8 20	4 17	7 54
,,	8	4 35	7 36	4 31	8 6	4 28	7 42
,,	15	4 45	7 23	4 44	7 51	4 40	7 28
,,	22	4 56	7 8	4 58	7 34	4 52	7 12

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 94,275,000 miles.



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EDINBURGH FROM THE CASTLE

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 4th, 2 1 p.m. | New Moon, 19th, 9 33 p.m.
Last Quarter, 12th, 5 48 p.m. | First Quarter, 26th, 0 3 p.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Aft.	Morn.
1	Tu	*Partridge Shooting begins.*		5 13	6 47	5 57	0 57
2	W	Sedan surrendered, 1870.		5 14	6 44	6 13	2 19
3	Th	Turgenieff died, 1883.		5 16	6 42	6 27	3 39
4	F	Sir Charles Dilke born, 1843.		5 17	6 40	6 40	4 54
5	S	Malta surrendered to British, 1805.	248	5 19	6 38	6 48	6 8
6	S	**13th Sunday after Trinity.**		5 21	6 36	6 58	7 20
7	M	6. Burgess swam English Channel, 1911.		5 22	6 33	7 8	8 30
8	Tu	Sebastopol, 1855.		5 24	6 31	7 21	9 42
9	W	Flodden Field, 1513.		5 26	6 29	7 36	10 53
10	Th	Pinkie, 1547.		5 27	6 27	7 57	0 a 7
11	F	Malplaquet, 1709.		5 29	6 24	8 26	1 19
12	S	Mr. Asquith born, 1852.	255	5 30	6 22	9 7	2 25
13	S	**14th Sunday after Trinity.**		5 31	6 20	10 2	3 22
14	M	Duke of Wellington died, 1852.		5 33	6 18	11 13	4 6
15	Tu	Ex-President Taft born, 1857.		5 34	6 15	Morn.	4 38
16	W	Post Office Savings Bank opened, 1861.		5 36	6 13	0 34	5 1
17	Th	Landor died, 1864.		5 38	6 11	1 59	5 19
18	F	Dr. Johnson born, 1709.		5 39	6 8	3 26	5 33
19	S	20. Battle of Alma, 1854.	262	5 41	6 6	4 55	5 46
20	S	**15th Sunday after Trinity.**		5 42	6 4	6 25	5 58
21	M	*St. Matthew.*		5 43	6 1	7 56	6 14
22	Tu	Faraday born, 1791.		5 45	5 59	9 29	6 33
23	W	*Autumn commences.*		5 47	5 57	11 3	6 57
24	Th	23. Neptune discovered, 1846.		5 49	5 54	0 a 34	7 30
25	F	Lucknow, 1857.		5 51	5 52	1 52	8 21
26	S	Admiral Lord Collingwood born, 1750.	269	5 52	5 50	2 51	9 29
27	S	**16th Sunday after Trinity.**		5 54	5 48	3 34	10 45
28	M	27. George Cruikshank born, 1792.		5 55	5 46	4 1	Morn.
29	Tu	*Michaelmas. Quarter Day.*		5 57	5 44	4 20	0 7
30	W	Earl Roberts born, 1832.	273	5 58	5 41	4 35	1 26

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

Mercury is in Aphelion on the 29th.

Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 23rd.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 21st.

Jupiter is an evening star, near the Moon on the 2nd.

Saturn is a morning star, near the Moon on the 13th.

SUNS RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
September 1	5 13	6 47	5 17	7 8	5 10	6 50
,, 8	5 24	6 31	5 31	6 50	5 22	6 33
,, 15	5 34	6 15	5 44	6 32	5 34	6 16
,, 22	5 45	5 59	5 58	6 14	5 46	6 0

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 93,729,000 miles.

HINTS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS

Keep Accounts.

While it may be perfectly true to say that you can't spend more money than you've got, the habit of keeping a regular and careful account of household expenditure is useful in many ways. If a simple system of cross-checking, the items being ranged under separate heads, be adopted, the housekeeper will be able to apportion her spending according to the amount of cash available for the week, and any tendency to extravagance in one direction or another can be noticed and stopped. This applies to small incomes as well as large, and though the habit may seem useless and irksome at first, it will be found in practice to occupy very little time in proportion to the satisfaction caused by knowing that wasteful expenditure is under control. The main thing is to keep accounts regularly, in which case they give the least trouble and the best results.

Boiled Milk: A Warning.

When milk has once been boiled it needs to be carefully protected from contamination, especially by flies or dust, because when once the lactic acid bacteria have been destroyed by boiling, putrefactive and other bacteria gaining access to milk multiply unchecked, and such milk is apt to putrefy and acquire dangerous properties without showing signs of "souring." The absolute cleanliness of every vessel used for "boiled milk" is essential if danger is to be averted. This warning is the more needed because milk is boiled in order to make it a safe food for infants and young children.

The Dangerous Housefly.

It is now generally recognised that flies are the carriers of disease germs as well as a nuisance when present in large numbers. They pass from unclean substances to food intended for human consumption, and many illnesses are traceable to dirt contagion brought about by their agency. No doubt they act as scavengers and so do a great deal of good, but they are also a danger to human life, and their presence in swarms is a sure sign that the rules of sanitation have not been properly observed by somebody. The best remedy is scrupulous cleanliness and the use of disinfectant over all decaying matter which is awaiting removal.

A Story with a Moral.

For four hours the lady remained in the shop. She had visited every department without spending a penny. Toward the close of the afternoon one of the salesmen ventured to make a mild protest. "Madam," he asked sweetly, "are you shopping here?" The lady looked surprised, but not by any means annoyed. "Certainly," she replied. "Well, madam," said the salesman, "I thought perhaps you might be taking an inventory."

In Praise of Apples.

People ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up, but no harm can come even to a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples before going to bed.

The apple, says the *Family Doctor*, is excellent brain food because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than any other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all: the apple prevents indigestion and throat diseases.

Food for the Sick-Room.

All food for invalids should be of the simplest character and easily digestible. Its preparation should be careful, and much can be done to tempt the jaded appetite by dainty service and such variety as the doctor's orders will permit. "A little and often" is what is required during convalescence, but food should not be given at shorter intervals than two hours in order that the digestive system may not be overtaxed. Regularity of these so-called meal-times is an essential feature of invalid cookery, for the patient seems to know by instinct when the regular interval has passed, and unpunctuality on the nurse's part may mean fretfulness and a corresponding rise in temperature. During recovery, too, it must be remembered that the patient having few interests for the time looks forward to a meal as a break in the dull monotony of lying idle for days and nights together.

Simple Mental Arithmetic.

To find the cost of a dozen articles:—As there are twelve pence in a shilling and twelve articles to the dozen, twelve articles at a penny will cost one shilling, and twelve at a $\frac{1}{2}$d. or $\frac{1}{2}$d. will cost $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a shilling, that is, 3d. or 6d. The rule therefore is to reckon every penny in the price given as a shilling and every farthing as 3d. Thus, 12 articles at 1s. 5$\frac{3}{4}$d. will cost $12 + 5\frac{3}{4} = 17\frac{3}{4}$ shillings = 17s. 9d. To find the price of one where the price of a dozen is given reverse the process. Thus, if a dozen cost 8s. 6d. the price of one will be 8$\frac{1}{2}$d.

To find a cost of a score:—For every shilling reckon a pound, and for fractions of a shilling reckon the equivalent fractions of a pound. Thus 20 articles at 4s. 3d. will cost £4 + $\frac{1}{4}$ of £1 = £4 5s.

To find the price per ounce from the price per pound in shillings:—Deduct one-fourth from the price per pound, and the result will be the price per ounce in pence. Thus, if the price per pound is 8s., the price per ounce will be $8 - 2 = 6$d.

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 4th, 5 59 a.m. | New Moon, 19th, 6 34 am.
Last Quarter, 12th, 9 33 a.m. | First Quarter, 25th, 10 44 p.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Aft.	Morn.
1	Th	*Pheasant Shooting begins.*		6 0	5 39	4 47	2 42
2	F	1. *Cambridge Michaelmas Term begins.*		6 2	5 37	4 57	3 56
3	S	William Morris died, 1896.	276	6 3	5 34	5 6	5 7
4	**S**	**17th Sunday after Trinity.**		6 5	5 32	5 17	6 18
5	M	*Dividends on Consols due.*		6 7	5 30	5 29	7 28
6	Tu	Jenny Lind born, 1820.		6 9	5 27	5 44	8 41
7	W	Poe died, 1849.		6 11	5 24	6 2	9 52
8	Th	Owens College, Manchester, opened, 1873.		6 13	5 22	6 28	11 5
9	F	Italy united, 1870.		6 15	5 20	7 3	oa13
10	S	*Oxford Michaelmas Term begins.*	283	6 16	5 18	7 53	1 12
11	**S**	**18th Sunday after Trinity.**		6 18	5 16	8 56	1 59
12	M	*Michaelmas Law Sittings begin.*		6 20	5 14	10 11	2 36
13	Tu	Sainte-Beuve died, 1869.		6 21	5 11	11 31	3 2
14	W	*Fire Insurance ceases.*		6 22	5 9	Morn.	3 21
15	Th	Oscar Wilde born, 1856.		6 24	5 7	0 56	3 37
16	F	Robert Stephenson born, 1803.		6 26	5 5	2 21	3 51
17	S	War in the Balkans, 1912.	290	6 28	5 3	3 48	4 4
18	**S**	**19th Sunday after Trin.** *St. Luke.*		6 29	5 1	5 18	4 18
19	M	Leipzig, 1813.		6 30	4 59	6 52	4 34
20	Tu	Lord Palmerston born, 1784.		6 32	4 57	8 28	4 56
21	W	Trafalgar Day (1805).		6 34	4 55	10 4	5 27
22	Th	Sarah Bernhardt born, 1845.		6 36	4 53	11 31	6 13
23	F	Lord St. Aldwyn born, 1837.		6 38	4 51	oa41	7 16
24	S	Daniel Webster died, 1852.	297	6 40	4 49	1 31	8 32
25	**S**	**20th Sunday after Trinity.**		6 41	4 47	2 3	9 54
26	M	Von Moltke born, 1800.		6 43	4 45	2 25	11 16
27	Tu	Ex-President Roosevelt born 1858.		6 45	4 43	2 43	Morn.
28	W	*SS. Simon and Jude.*		6 46	4 41	2 55	0 32
29	Th	George Morland, artist, died, 1804.		6 48	4 39	3 6	1 47
30	F	Sheridan born, 1751.		6 50	4 37	3 16	2 57
31	S	*Hallowe'en.*	304	6 52	4 35	3 26	4 8

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is at greatest eastern elongation on the 15th.
Venus is an evening star, near the Moon on the 22nd.
Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 20th.
Jupiter is an evening star, near the Moon on the 26th.
Saturn is a morning star, near the Moon on the 11th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH		DUBLIN *	
	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.
October 1	6 0	5 39	6 16	5 50	6 2	5 37
,, 8	6 13	5 22	6 30	5 31	6 15	5 21
,, 15	6 24	5 7	6 44	5 14	6 28	5 4
,, 22	6 36	4 53	6 59	4 56	6 41	4 49

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 92,978,000 miles.



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HAWTHORNDEN

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 2nd, 11 49 p.m. | New Moon, 17th, 4 2 p.m.
Last Quarter, 10th, 11 37 p.m. | First Quarter, 24th, 1 39 p.m.

			Day of Year.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
				H. M.	H. M.	Aft.	Morn.
1	**S**	**21st Sunday after Trinity.**		6 54	4 33	3 38	5 17
2	M	*Fox-hunting begins.*		6 56	4 32	3 50	6 28
3	Tu	Acre, 1840.		6 58	4 30	4 9	7 42
4	W	First "Tube" Railway opened in London, 1890.		7 0	4 28	4 32	8 54
5	Th	Guy Fawkes Day.		7 1	4 26	5 5	10 3
6	F	Blackfriars Bridge opened, 1869.		7 3	4 25	5 49	11 6
7	S	Li Hung Chang died, 1901.	311	7 4	4 23	6 48	11 56
8	**S**	**22nd Sunday after Trinity.**		7 6	4 21	7 58	0a35
9	M	King Edward VII born, 1841.		7 8	4 19	9 15	1 3
10	Tu	11. *Half Quarter Day.*		7 9	4 18	10 34	1 25
11	W	*Martinmas. Scottish Quarter Day.*		7 11	4 16	11 57	1 41
12	Th	Mrs. Gaskell died, 1865.		7 13	4 14	Morn.	1 55
13	F	Riots in London, 1887.		7 15	4 13	1 19	2 7
14	S	Hegel died, 1831.	318	7 17	4 11	2 46	2 20
15	**S**	**23rd Sunday after Trinity.**		7 19	4 10	4 14	2 37
16	M	John Bright born, 1811.		7 20	4 9	5 47	2 55
17	Tu	Suez Canal opened, 1869.		7 22	4 8	7 23	3 22
18	W	Sir W. S. Gilbert born, 1836.		7 23	4 6	8 58	4 0
19	Th	20. Tolstoy died, 1910.		7 25	4 5	10 19	4 57
20	F	Sir W. Laurier born, 1841.		7 27	4 3	11 21	6 9
21	S	Sir T. Gresham died, 1579.	325	7 28	4 1	0a1	7 32
22	**S**	**24th Sunday after Trinity.**		7 29	4 0	0 30	8 55
23	M	R. Hakluyt died, 1616.		7 31	3 59	0 48	10 18
24	Tu	Tasmania discovered, 1642.		7 33	3 58	1 1	11 34
25	W	Havelock died, 1857.		7 35	3 57	1 14	Morn.
26	Th	Queen Maud of Norway born, 1869.		7 37	3 56	1 24	0 46
27	F	26. Cowper born, 1731.		7 38	3 55	1 34	1 57
28	S	Mandalay, 1885.	332	7 40	3 55	1 45	3 7
29	**S**	**Advent Sunday.**		7 41	3 54	1 59	4 18
30	M	*St. Andrew.*	334	7 43	3 54	2 15	5 29

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

MERCURY is in inferior conjunction and transits across the Sun's disc on the 7th.

Venus is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 27th, near the Moon on the 28th.

Mars is an evening star, near the Moon on the 18th.

Jupiter is an evening star, near the Moon on the 23rd.

Saturn is a morning star, near the Moon on the 7th.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH.		DUBLIN.*	
	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
November 1	6 54	4 33	7 21	4 32	6 59	4 28
,, 8	7 6	4 21	7 35	4 18	7 13	4 13
,, 15	7 19	4 10	7 50	4 4	7 26	4 2
,, 22	7 21	4 0	8 4	3 53	7 39	3 53

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Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 92,175,000 miles.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Windermere.

Ruskin was not alone in deploring what seemed to him the desecration of the Lake District of England by the provision of easy railway communication from all parts of the country. And yet the natural beauty of lake and fell remains as superbly attractive as ever. Tourists by the hundred pour in every season to enjoy the magnificent scenery and to test their walking and climbing powers. Water and coaching excursions enable everybody to appreciate the charm of the district, Windermere being one of the favourite starting points. But to get full enjoyment the visitor must make up his mind for steady tramping, for, as in Wordsworth's days, the good walker is best able to benefit by a holiday among the lakes and dales of the hill country.

Llangollen.

The "Valley of Jewels," as Llangollen has been called, is one of the most beautiful spots in North Wales. The town itself presents few attractions, but the river Dee flows through it in picturesque fashion, and the views from the surrounding hills are full of peaceful charm. The Church is dedicated to a saint whose full name consists of nineteen words after the Welsh fashion of long genealogical description. A little way outside the town is Plas Newydd, or "New Place," the house once inhabited by the two "Ladies of Llangollen." A fine piece of engineering is shown in the canal, which enters the valley on a high viaduct, giving water communication with Chester.

Salisbury Cathedral.

Salisbury is almost unique among our English cathedrals by its completely harmonious design. The whole structure was built during the thirteenth century, the massive central tower, crowned by its lofty spire, which is a landmark for many miles around, having been erected not very long after the main structure. Careful restoration in recent times has made the venerable cathedral look strangely new, and lovers of Decorated Gothic style find material for weeks of study in its wealth of detail. It has also the advantage of standing in a big open space, so that its fine proportions can be fully appreciated. Among the many interesting tombs in the interior is one to the "Boy Bishop," and the old-world custom of electing a successor is still regularly observed as in mediæval times.

Highclere Castle.

About due west from the ancient Roman town of Ilchester, and not far from Newbury, is Highclere Castle, one of the seats of Lord Carnarvon. It stands in a beautiful park which is famous for its stately spreading cedars and masses of rhododendron, which present a wonderful sight when the bushes are in bloom. The castle, which has been carefully modernised, stands well. It contains among other treasures a valuable collection of pictures.

Marlborough.

Marlborough is a modern foundation, having been established just over seventy years ago for the purpose of providing a good and cheap education to the sons of clergymen, but it has already taken a high position among our public schools. The scope of the foundation has been considerably widened with good results, and Marlborough now ranks very high, giving particular attention to candidates for the army. The college was originally housed in the old Castle Inn, which was closed when coaching was superseded by the railways, and the building, which has a fine garden-front, is still used. It was formerly in possession of the Seymour family, and the bowling green of the old garden is carefully preserved.

Edinburgh.

The "Athens of the North," as seen from the commanding height of the Castle, or from "Arthur's Seat," presents a wonderfully impressive picture. The old town, with its steep descent towards Holyrood Palace, still preserves many of the features of a mediæval capital, while the Calton Hill, the modern residential quarter, rises steeply above the valley. St. Giles' Church, where the famous stool-throwing episode took place as a protest against the attempt to impose English episcopalianism on Scotland, is an interesting building, and every visitor pays pilgrimage to John Knox's old house, which is preserved with pious care. In the "wynds" of the lower town there is much poverty, the crowded tenements giving ample opportunity for religious and social work.

Hawthornden,

The romantically situated home of the Scottish poet, William Drummond, is in Midlothian, within a short walk of Roslin. Its literary interest for English readers lies mainly in the fact that Ben Jonson, in the course of his long walking tour from London to Scotland, visited his brother poet, and while enjoying his hospitality, talked at large on many subjects. The famous "Conversations" were the result of careful notes made by Drummond, who apparently was not greatly impressed by his distinguished visitor's indiscreet revelations of personal matters. The two men corresponded for some time, but their temperaments were too diverse to allow of much real sympathy between them.

Lincluden Abbey.

In the romantic border county of Dumfriesshire, which has so many associations with Robert Burns, are to be found the ruins of Lincluden Abbey. The foundation, which dates back to the twelfth century, was originally for a convent of Benedictine nuns, but was converted into a collegiate church some two centuries later. The remains were described by Burns as "an old ruin in a sweet situation at the confluence of the Cluden and the Nith."

THE MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 2nd, 6 21 p.m. | New Moon, 17th, 2 35 a m.
Last Quarter, 10th, 11 32 a.m. | First Quarter, 24th, 8 25 a.m.

			Day of Year	Sun Rises. H. M.	Sun Sets. H. M.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
1	Tu	Queen Alexandra born, 1844.		7 45	3 54	2 36	6 43
2	W	Austerlitz, 1805.		7 46	3 53	3 6	7 53
3	Th	4. R. L. Stevenson died, 1894.		7 47	3 53	3 47	8 59
4	F	T. Carlyle born, 1795.		7 48	3 52	4 42	9 53
5	S	Sir Henry Tate died, 1899.	339	7 49	3 52	5 49	10 35
6	S	**2nd Sunday in Advent.**		7 50	3 51	7 5	11 7
7	M	General Buller born, 1839.		7 51	3 51	8 23	11 30
8	Tu	De Quincey died, 1859.		7 53	3 51	9 43	11 48
9	W	Milton born, 1608.		7 54	3 50	11 3	0 a 1
10	Th	*Grouse and Black Game Shooting ends.*		7 56	3 50	Morn.	0 14
11	F	Magersfontein, 1899.		7 57	3 50	0 24	0 26
12	S	Plevna, 1877.	346	7 58	3 50	1 47	0 40
13	S	**3rd Sunday in Advent.**		7 59	3 49	3 14	0 56
14	M	The Prince Consort died, 1861.		7 59	3 49	4 48	1 17
15	Tu	Colenso, 1899.		8 0	3 49	6 22	1 50
16	W	Cromwell, Lord Protector, 1653.		8 1	3 49	7 49	2 36
17	Th	*Oxford Michaelmas Term ends.*		8 2	3 50	9 1	3 41
18	F	19. Turner died, 1851.		8 3	3 50	9 53	5 2
19	S	*Cambridge Michaelmas Term ends.*	353	8 4	3 50	10 27	6 30
20	S	**4th Sunday in Advent.**		8 4	3 51	10 49	7 55
21	M	*Michaelmas Law Sittings end.*		8 5	3 51	11 7	9 15
22	Tu	*Winter commences.*		8 5	3 51	11 19	10 32
23	W	Sir R. Arkwright died, 1792.		8 6	3 52	11 30	11 44
24	Th	*Christmas Eve.*		8 6	3 52	11 41	Morn.
25	F	*Christmas Day. Quarter Day.*		8 7	3 53	11 52	0 55
26	S	*Boxing Day. Bank Holiday.*	360	8 7	3 53	0 a 3	2 6
27	S	**1st Sun. after Christmas.**	*St. John*	8 7	3 54	0 19	3 16
28	M	*Innocents' Day.*		8 8	3 55	0 38	4 28
29	Tu	Gladstone born, 1809.		8 8	3 56	1 4	5 41
30	W	Rudyard Kipling born, 1865.		8 8	3 57	1 43	6 48
31	Th	Wycliffe died, 1384.	365	8 8	3 58	2 34	7 47

MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

Mercury is in Aphelion on the 26th.

Venus is a morning star, near the Moon on the 15th.

Mars is in conjunction with the Sun on the 24th, near the moon on the 17th.

Jupiter is an evening star, near the Moon on the 21st.

Saturn is in opposition to the Sun on the 21st, near the Moon on the 4th and 31st.

SUN'S RISING AND SETTING.

DATE.	LONDON.		EDINBURGH.		DUBLIN.*	
	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M
December 1	7 45	3 54	8 21	3 42	7 54	3 43
,, 8	7 53	3 51	8 33	3 37	8 5	3 39
,, 15	8 0	3 49	8 42	3 34	8 12	3 38
,, 22	8 5	3 51	8 46	3 37	8 17	3 41

* Dublin time.

Distance of the Sun on the 1st, 91,584,000 miles.

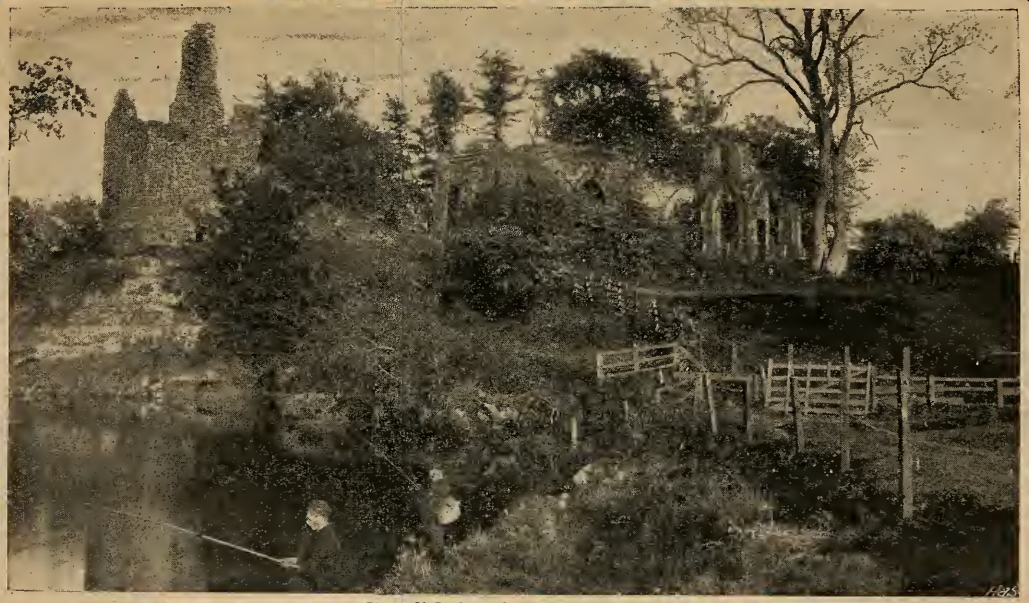


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LINCLUDEN ABBEY

A PAGE OF EPIGRAMS.

THE epigram, which has had a long and notable career from the days of the ancient Greeks down to the present time, is now less popular than it was, but its peculiar qualities of pungent brevity still makes it a useful literary weapon in capable hands. It has been compared with a bee :—

"The body should always be little and sweet,
And a sting should be left in the tail."

Another description likens it to a wasp :

"With taper body bound
By lines not many, neat and round,
All ending in a sting."

And certainly its victims have often writhed in helpless pain under the operation. Some of the most effective epigrams are signed by that voluminous writer known as "Anon.", one of the best remembered being that circulated more than a hundred years ago at the time of the disastrous Walcheren Expedition :—

"The Earl of Chatham, with his sword drawn,
Stood waiting for Sir Richard Strahan ;
Sir Richard, longing to be at 'em,
Stood waiting for the Earl of Chatham."

Politics provided a fruitful field for epigram writers, who satirised prominent men belonging to the opposite party without mercy and without restraint. But here are two specimens of general comment which deal with subjects not untopical at the present time. The Treaty of Utrecht in 1715 gave great dissatisfaction in many quarters which Pope expressed in the following couplet :—

"Now Europe's balanc'd, neither side prevails ;
For nothing's left in either of the scales."

So, too, in 1801, when the Union between Great Britain and Ireland was consummated, a Dublin barrister jocularly wrote :—

"Why should we complain that the times are so bad,
Pursuing a querulous strain ?
When Erin gives up all the rights that she had,
What right has she left to complain ? "

The non-party view of Georgian politics was thus formulated by Allan Ramsay :—

"Whig and Tory scratch and bite,
Just as hungry dogs, we see :
Toss a bone 'twixt two, they fight ;
Throw a couple, they agree."

But still the party system survives as the most efficient method of "getting things done."

As might be expected, the clergy in past times came in for a good deal of mockery at the hands of their critics. Here, for example, is a pointed piece of satire on the "hunting parson," a type now all but, if not quite, extinct. It was written by Robert Herrick, who was himself a country parson in Devonshire for many years :—

"Old Parson Beans hunts six days of the week,
And on the seventh has his notes to seek ;
Six days a week he halloas so much breath away,
That on the seventh he can nor preach nor pray."

Sermons of portentous length are no longer in fashion, but the following quatrain expresses the feelings of one who suffered from drowsiness in church :—

"When he holds forth, his reverence doth appear
So lengthily his subject to pursue,
That listeners, out of patience, often fear
He has indeed eternity in view."

But no section of society has been exempt from the attack of the epigrammatist. Lawyers, doctors, princes and tradesmen, have all been the butt of these sharp arrows of wit. Many epigrams, of course, depend for their power of wounding upon topical allusions which have long been forgotten except by scholars, and, indeed, epigrams of general application to all time are comparatively rare. The art of lampooning is not yet lost, but the cult of the epigram has been largely exchanged for other forms of satire.

In spite of this, it is pretty certain that the epigram, if wielded by a practised hand at the expense of politicians or other men who are prominently before the public, might still be a deadly political weapon. Its comparative disuse in modern times is due to several causes including the universal circulation of newspapers. When reading was not yet an accomplishment so common that an illiterate person was rarely met with, the epigram could be passed by word of mouth and often produced a very damaging effect. Nowadays the epigram is more or less neglected, but it had a great vogue in the eighteenth century, when politicians were defended and attacked by rival pamphleteers, and the smartest wits took part in the wordy warfare.

The Challenge.

The King, observing with judicious eyes,
The state of both his Universities,
To Oxford sent a troop of horse ; and why ?
That learned body wanted loyalty :
To Cambridge books he sent, as well discerning
How much that loyal body wanted learning.

The Reply.

The King to Oxford sent a troop of horse,
For Tories own no argument but force ;
With equal skill to Cambridge books he sent,
For Whigs admit no force but argument.

[Date, 1715.

A PAGE OF VERSE.

Wise Old Age.

THE seas are quiet when the winds give o'er;
So calm are we when passions are no more.
For then we know how vain it was to boast
Of fleeting things so certain to be lost.

Clouds of affection from our younger eyes
Conceal that emptiness which age descries;
The soul's dark cottage, battered and decayed,
Lets in new light through chinks that time has made.

Stronger by weakness, wiser men become,
As they draw nearer their eternal home;
Leaving the old, both worlds at once they view,
That stand upon the threshold of the new.

Waller.

March Weather.

THE cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter,
The green field sleeps in the sun;
The oldest and youngest
Are at work with the strongest;
The cattle are grazing,
Their heads never raising:
There are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated,
The snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill
On the top of the bare hill:
The ploughboy is whooping—anon—anon;
There's joy in the mountains;
There's life in the fountains;
Small clouds are sailing,
Blue sky prevailing;
The rain is over and gone.

Wordsworth.

The Puzzle of Life.

'TIS strange
How we do change!
First to live and then to die
Is a great misery!
To give us sense great pains to feel;
To make our lives to be Death's wheel;
To give us sense and reason too,
Yet know not what we're made to do;
And senses which like hounds do run about,
Yet never can the perfect truth find out.
O Nature, Nature! cruel to mankind,
Who gives us knowledge, misery to find.

Margaret, Duchess of Newcastle.

A Lover's Plea.

LOVE me not for comely grace,
For my pleasing eye or face,
Nor for any outward part,
No, nor for my constant heart,—
For those may fail, or turn to ill,
So thou and I shall sever.

Keep, therefore, a true woman's eye,
And love me still, but know not why—
So hast thou the same reason still
To doat upon me ever. *Anon.*

The Wonder of the Stars.

WHEN I survey the bright
Celestial sphere,
So rich with jewels hung, that night
Doth like an Ethiop bride appear,

My soul her wings doth spread,
And heavenward flies,
The Almighty's mysteries to read
In the large volume of the skies.

For the bright firmament
Shoots forth no flame
So silent, but is eloquent
In speaking the Creator's name.

No unregarded star
Contracts its light
Into so small a character,
Removed far from our human sight,

But if we steadfast look,
We shall discern
In it, as in some holy book,
How man may heavenly knowledge learn.

Habington.

Love Triumphant.

WERE I as base as is the lowly plain,
And you, my Love, as high as heaven above,
Yet should the thoughts of me your humble swain
Ascend to heaven, in honour of my Love.

Were I as high as heaven above the plain,
And you, my Love, as humble and as low
As are the deepest bottoms of the main,
Wheresoe'er you were, with you my Love should go.

Were you the earth, dear Love, and I the skies,
My love should shine on you like to the sun,
And look upon you with ten thousand eyes
Till heaven wax'd blind, and till the world were done.

Wheresoe'er I am, below, or else above you,
Wheresoe'er you are, my heart shall truly love you. *J. Sylvester.*

Constancy.

TO me, fair friend, you never can be old,
For as you were when first your eye I eyed,
Such seems your beauty still. Three winters cold
Have from the forests shook three summers' pride;

Three beauteous springs to yellow autumn turn'd
In process of the seasons have I seen,
Three April perfumes in three hot Junes burn'd,
Since first I saw you fresh which yet are green.

Ah! yet doth beauty, like a dial hand,
Steal from his figure, and no pace perceived:
So your sweet hue, which methinks still doth stand,
Hath motion, and mine eye may be deceived:

For fear of which, hear this, thou age unbred,—
Ere you were born, was beauty's summer dead.

W. Shakespeare.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

THE story of the Panama Canal is one of constant struggle with the forces of Nature. For long the idea of cutting a waterway through the narrow isthmus which connects the vast masses of land known as North and South America had haunted the minds of men, but it was not until the Suez Canal had shortened the sea passage from Europe to India and the Far East, that any serious attempt was made to provide a similar means of communication between the Atlantic and the Pacific. In the late seventies of last century various schemes began to be considered, and, as was only natural, Ferdinand de Lesseps, the engineer who had brought the Suez Canal undertaking to a successful issue, took a prominent part in the delibcrations.

France Tries and Fails.

Eventually a French company was formed under de Lesseps to cut a canal through Panama, and the work was begun with hopes of completion within a reasonable time. An enormous amount of capital was sunk in providing elaborate machinery for dredging and excavating, and fair progress was made in spite of tremendous obstacles. But tropical nature and deadly fevers of various kinds defeated the plans of the French engineers. At Suez they had to deal with a level, healthy desert where the principal obstacle to progress was drifting sand. At Panama the conditions were far more difficult. The virgin forest had to be pierced and the way kept open, but so quickly does vegetation grow in that moist hot climate that puny man could barely hold the strip of territory won by ceaseless toil. Cuttings, too, on a stupendous scale were needed at some points, but the enemy which finally triumphed over all that engincering skill could do was disease. Labourers died like flies in that pestilential climate. One company succeeded another, and fresh capital had to be raised, but in the end wild Nature triumphed. The "Panama Scandals," with their stories of bribery and corruption, ruined many prominent Frenchmen, and de Lesseps himself was involved in the collapse of the gigantic undertaking on whose success he had pledged his reputation. He died an old man in 1894, broken by the disaster which had overshadowed his later years.

The United States take over the Work.

Even now faith in the scheme first mooted to Philip the Second of Spain drew the imagination—and the money—of French investors. Another syndicate was formed and carried on the work at the great Culebra Cut until funds were again exhausted; and ten years later, in 1904, the United States Government took over the whole of the property—and the work—for a sum of forty million dollars. De Lesseps and his friends had been over-sanguinc in their estimate of cost, and, moreover, their plans were laid for a sea-level canal, which meant an enormous extra amount of cutting. Before restarting work the United States Government made an exhaustive inquiry into the whole problem, and it was eventually decided, after a hot controversy, to adopt a system of locks.

Sanitary Precautions.

It was recognised, too, that to ensure success disease must be stamped out by drastic preventive measures. Experience in Cuba and in the Philippine Islands, where sanitation has transformed the conditions of living, proved invaluable, and yellow fever was practically stamped out before any fresh excavation was commenced. When the French were engaged on the work little was known of the ways in which to combat tropical fevers, and the engineers' houses were gay and picturesque with flowers, but veritable deathtraps. The American sanitary staff on taking charge instituted under something like military discipline a comprehensive system of precautions. All stagnant pools—the breeding places of the mosquito—were either drained or treated with paraffin, and every house along the line of the Canal was rendered mosquito proof with close wire netting. The latest methods of inoculation were adopted, and all the workmen, coloured as well as white, were protected against disease, or treated with prompt attention by the efficient medical staff. The cost of this preliminary campaign was very heavy, but it was fully justified by results. Had it not been undertaken and proved successful, it may be doubted whether even the United States could have brought the stupendous task to completion. It was, indeed, this achievement which made success possible. The deadly mosquito is now rarely met with along the Canal, and the death-rate amongt he army of workers is only about eleven per thousand, which compares favourably with that in any of the great cities of North America or this country.

An Engineering Marvel.

Under expert administration and control, and with an unlimited supply of funds, the work has proceeded so rapidly that the Canal has now nearly reached completion, and for grandeur of conception may well be reckoned one of the wonders of the world. It is fifty miles long, with a minimum bottom width of 300 feet, and a minimum depth of 41 feet. The principal features of its construction are the great dam which turns the valley of the Chagres river into a huge lake, the locks built of solid concrete in pairs, and capable of raising or lowering the biggest ships now afloat, and the Culebra Cut.

This is where the American engineers have met their chief difficulties. It is the deepest open cutting in the world, and its size and the torrential rainfall have combined to bring about landslides, which even now have not been altogether overcome, and which involve a huge amount of unforeseen excavation and additional cost.

The question of tolls and other problems, notably the changes in routes which the use of the Canal may effect, cannot be dealt with here.

LITERATURE AND POLITICS.

THOUGH mere eloquence is not enough to gain political reputation for any man, and though, indeed, it is not essential to successful statesmanship, its persuasive attractiveness is as great as ever. The character of the House of Commons has changed considerably of late years, but there is still room in it for the cultivation of a graceful style, and the expression of views informed by wide reading and knowledge of men and manners. Greek and Latin tags are very rarely heard, Mr. Gladstone being one of the last of the old school who could employ classical quotations to enforce or illustrate his argument with the certainty that they would be readily appreciated by those who listened to his torrential flow of words. Yet there are even in these days of democratic government many members of Parliament who are genuine lovers and students of literature, and whose speeches show acquaintance with the best that has been written in the language of our forefathers. The noble Authorised Version of the Bible provides as fine a basis for worthy speech as anyone could desire, and orators like John Bright were most effective when they kept most closely to its inimitably simple, nervous style.

Among the literary men who have made their mark in Parliament in recent years one of the most accomplished was Mr. George Wyndham, whose tragically sudden death at the early age of fifty deprived the Unionist party of one of its most versatile and brilliant members. Well born, and endowed with physical and intellectual gifts of the highest order, the "Admirable Crichton" of modern politics, who will always be remembered in connection with the Irish Land Purchase Act of 1903, was a scholar of no mean order. His studies in Elizabethan and old French literature, on which he wrote with the enthusiasm born of knowledge, made him a very attractive speaker. His eloquence was of the rather florid order, but it had a genuine ring. On the other side of the House, Mr. Birrell, genial philosopher and essayist, displays much of that brilliant wit which we associate with the eighteenth century, which he has studied to such good purpose. But on occasion when, as on the subject of Irish grievances and aspirations, his feelings are deeply stirred, he has several times risen to a very high pitch of lyrical, almost rhapsodic fervour. At such times the House listens spell-bound, as indeed it should, for eloquence like his is all too rare.

Mr. Balfour is another example of the cultured man whom the House of Commons delights to honour when he rises to speak. The ex-leader of the Opposition, whose interests include music and golf, as well as the wide field of literature and philosophy, is always worth hearing. As a Parliamentary debater he has still few equals, and his dialectical skill and ability to propound dilemmas for his opponents are ungrudgingly acknowledged by those who do not share his political views on most subjects.

THE GENTLE ART OF DOG-STEALING.

THE dog-thief is a creature who is always on the look-out, and the more valuable a pet animal may be the greater must be the care taken by his owner to avoid loss to himself and subsequent profit to the despicable person who lives by stealing and reselling other people's dumb faithful companions. Nowadays, when a pedigree dog may be worth anything up to £1,500, the temptation to steal is greater than ever, and the methods of capture adopted are often ingeniously elaborate, making detection very difficult. In many cases the dog's powers of scent are used, meat soaked in oil of aniseed being a very attractive bait to lure the victim out of sight of his owner, when the dog is picked up and his collar removed and the thief takes the unsuspecting animal off to a safe hiding place until an opportunity of selling it at an exorbitant price occurs. The "dog-snatcher" relies upon quickness of action and the carelessness of owners, who may be too absorbed in conversation to look after their pets. If the dog is a "toy" he may be spirited into a basket, and when the owner realises his or her loss a confederate is usually close at hand to send the hunt in the wrong direction. Women thieves are expert in this class of offence, using narcotics to prevent the dog from making noisy protest which might lead to discovery.

A good many of the thefts are casual in character, the thief waiting about till an opportunity occurs of making a haul. But in some cases a regular plan of campaign is laid down and carried out with leisurely precision. A particularly good dog will be watched, and his points carefully noted. Newspaper advertisements for "dogs wanted" are studied, and a dog corresponding to the requirements of the advertiser is stolen and sent off to the unsuspecting customer, who little knows that he may be paying an exaggerated price for stolen property. So lucrative is this business to some members of the "profession" that they have been known to drive about a neighbourhood in a smart pony-trap, or perhaps "dog-cart," keeping a sharp look-out for animals likely to fetch a good price in the market. Sometimes, to avoid suspicion, a boy is employed to play about the road in which the dog to be stolen lives, and as opportunity offers the youngster makes friends with the victim and eventually procures him for the real thieves, who keep carefully out of the way.

This form of theft is exceedingly difficult to keep in check, for the offenders show extraordinary versatility in their methods. All dog-lovers resent a class of petty offence which often inflicts terrible suffering on dumb creatures, besides depriving owners of faithful friends whose value cannot be reckoned in cash.

The police do what they can to secure convictions, but the same offenders appear in court time after time, punishment seeming to have little or no deterrent effect upon a habit which is as contemptible as it is cowardly and cruel.

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CERTIFICATE.—Of goods duly entered inwards, for drawback	0	4	0
Of birth, baptism, marriage, or burial	0	0	1
CONVEYANCE, where purchase-money shall not exceed £5	0	1	0
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,, ,, 15	0	3	0
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Exceeding £300, every £50	0	10	0
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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, every £100 of capital to be raised	0	5	0
MARRIAGE LICENCE (Special), England and Ireland	5	0	0
Not Special	0	10	0
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£60	0	0	4
Exceeding £60	0	0	6
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£60	0	0	6
Exceeding £60	0	0	9

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For every hackney carriage	0	15	0
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Every additional dog, Ireland	0	2	0
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After 31st July, expire 31st October	2	0	0
After 31st October, expire 31st July	2	0	0
Gamekeepers, Great Britain	2	0	0
,, Ireland	3	0	0
Game Dealer's Licence (U.K.)	2	0	0
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House Agents, letting furnished houses above £25 a year	2	0	0
Passenger vessels, liquors and tobacco :— Yearly	10	0	0
One day	2	0	0
Pawnbrokers	7	10	0
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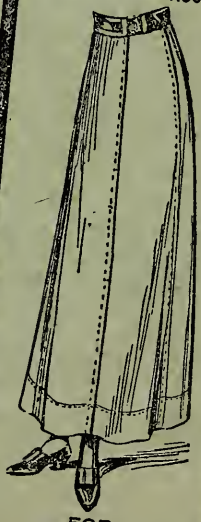
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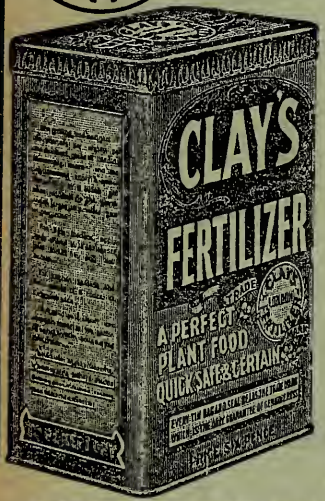
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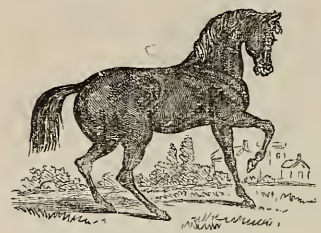
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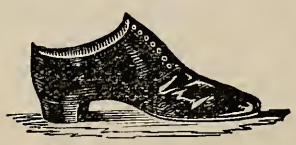
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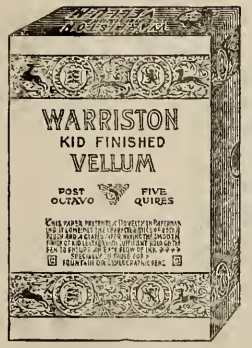
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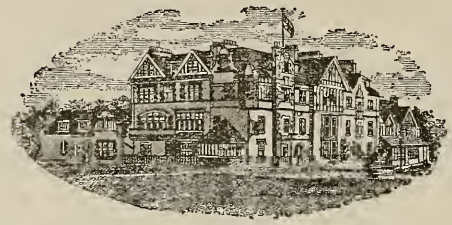
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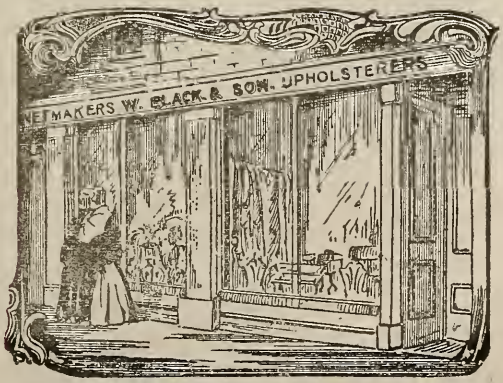
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